PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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The Foreign Christian Missionary Society,

AND THE

National Sunday School Convention,

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GENERAL

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

FIRST SESSION—TUESDAY, 7 P. M.

The General Convention assembled at the above hour in the chapel of the Seventh Street Christian Church, Richmond, Va.

Social services were conducted for half an hour by J. Z. Tyler, Pastor of the church. At the conclusion of these exercises Bro. James Challen, of Kentucky, read the 110th Psalm, and led the Convention in prayer; after which W. K. Pendleton, of W. Va., President of the Convention, delivered the annual address.

After singing the 825th hymn in the Christian Hymnal, on motion of Thomas Munnell, the following Committees were appointed, viz:

Order of Business—J. Z. Tyler, Va., L. L. Carpenter, Ind., G. H. Anderson, Pa.

On Credentials—C. S. Lucas, Va., Geo Darsie, Ky., O. A. Bartholomew, Ohio.

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Illinois.—Mrs. John Darst, John Darst.

Pending the report from the Committee on Order of Business, Bro. James Challen made a short address.

The Committee on Order of Business presented the following report for Wednesday morning:—

1. Devotional services 9 to 9½ A. M., led by Bro. L. Southmayd, of Ohio.

2. Business—1. Enrollment. 2. Report of Board and its reference to appropriate Committees. 3. Report of Treasurer and Recording Secretary. 4. Five minute speeches.

The report was adopted.

Bro. G. H. Anderson, of Penn., offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—That all delegates in attendance other than constitutional members, be enrolled as visiting delegates.

After announcements the Convention adjourned. Benediction by Isaac Errett.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

At 9 A. M., the devotional services were conducted by L. Southmayd, of Ohio; participated in by O. A. Bartholomew, of Ohio, James Challen, of Ky., F, M. Green, of Ohio, and J. T. Walsh, of North Carolina.

At the conclusion of these services Pres. Pendleton took the chair, and the enrollment of delegates and visitors was proceeded with according to the report of the Committee on Order of Business.

While waiting for the report of the Enrollment Committee, on motion of A. I. Hobbs, the report of the Board of the General Convention was read by Thomas Munnell, the Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

For eight years past the General Convention has been made the occasion of summing up the missionary work of our people in the different States and territories of our own country. For four years past the Sunday-school interests have also been presented by our General Sunday-school Secretary. This year, the Foreign Missionary Society will also have place, and present through its secretary a well begun work in that direction. The home work has been fully equal to what we would have anticipated had we known a year ago of the financial distress that has reigned all over the land, and especially in the West, where the most of our churches are found. While it must be acknowledged that we never have done as much as we should, it is probable that as earnest efforts have been put forth this year as in 1874, when our organization raised nearly $100,000 and gained over 10,000 additions to the church. As formerly, we have this year also appropriated nearly all the money to the States where it has been raised, applying to the use of the General Board scarcely as much as was necessary to enable it to help the States along and keep the work in motion in all its departments. Merging from the financial stress of the past, we believe a brighter day is breaking, and other years are destined to reap what the toils and cares of the current decade shall have sown. We have done some work in most of the States. In some, under the circumstances, we have done well; in others, we have done but little. But in all we set out this year with commendable courage for the future. Three of the strongest States this year have had no State Evangelist in the field at all. The money raised and additions gained during the year by the remaining forces in the several States are as follows

	Money.	Additions.
Illinois	$14,081 46	698
Ohio	10,013 22	559
Kentucky	3,638 10	460
Indiana	435 00	181
Missouri	2,650 00	276
Iowa	.....	.....
Mississippi	572 50	20
Nebraska	380 57	137
Minnesota	657 00	75
Michigan	.....	....
West Virginia	399 71	490
Pennsylvania	1,089 00	150
Virginia	5,645 00	1,020
Georgia	.....	.....
New York	2.726 98	188
Evangelists at large	.....	196
Total	$42,291 54	4,450

Besides the sums and results spent in local work the following amounts have been collected for the general field:

Kentucky	$801 49
Missouri	752 17
Indiana	697 04
Illinois	526 18
Ohio	384 13
New York	152 25

Pennsylvania	118 35
Virginia	25 00
Hymn Book Fund	1,302 50
Bacon Fund	31 70
California	20 00
D. C., Washington City	20 00
West Virginia	21 00
Michigan	9 00
Maryland	6 00
Iowa	9 00
Vermont	4 00
Places unknown	97 15
Rushville, Indiana, Sisters	75 00
Total to date	$5040 47
Total received by State Boards	$42,645 24
Total received by General Boards (see receipts Sec's Report)	5,961 84
Total for the year	48,606 08
Whole number of Additions	4,450
Churches organized	21
Through the efforts of the Corresponding Secretary and J. H. Berry, chiefly, notes payable annually, in three to five installments, have been secured, amounting on payments yet to be made to	5,707 50
Also by an arrangement with the State Board of Illinois in raising a "permanent fund," the interest of which only is to be used, one half of said fund is to belong to the General treasury. Amount raised on this bssis last year is $3787 17, one-half of which as it is collected is to be sent to the General treasury, making to date	1,893 57
We have also in bequests already made in wills	21,007 36
Of which there have been paid only	507 36
Also bequests promised to the Corresponding Secretary during the last year that will probably amount to over	40,000 00

Apart from the $5,707 50 installment notes, the "Permanent Fund" already secured of $1,893 58 and bequests just named when realized will make the interest-bearing assets of the General Convention amount to $62,900 00. Besides this the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois have each a beginning made in a permanent fund.

STATISTICS.

Other general results of our organization are beginning to be realized. Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Nebraska have already attained to very satisfactory statistical information, and through arrangements already projected we will in a few years be able to give the statistics of the entire church,

WEAK CHURCHES ASSISTED,

is another important feature of our work. Ohio alone, the past year, has assisted thirty-four. All the States have not reported this feature, but from the best estimates we can make from the data before us it is probable that over 200 weak congregations have been aided the past year. Then again a small amount of money spent in a new State or Territory, so stimulates the work that of its own momentum it becomes cumulative as

IN NEBRASKA.

Eleven years ago Evangelists Dungan and Barrow were engaged there for several years by the General Board, beginning when there was but two very small churches in the State, The report of State Evangelist for past year gives now:

Number of churches in the State that have reported	60
Embracing a membership of	2584
Having weekly preaching	1
" tri-monthly preaching	1
" semi-monthly preaching	11
" monthly preaching only	33
" no regular preaching	25
Total number of additions the past year	228
" " " children in Sunday-school	1046
Paid for preaching	$3,105 90
Total cash paid	4,229 23
Value of church property	22,300 00

The success of this State is largely due to the fact that the work was started and the churches received good solid constitutions by the labors of solid, sensible and earnest evangelists, and points clearly and forcibly to our duty in reference to this and other new States and Territories of the great West.

On the other hand the farther East we go in the older and wealthier settlements, the case is different. Of the 39 churches in New York, the 29 that reported at the last Convention, show:

The churches having weekly preaching to be	20
The churches having semi-weekly preaching to be	3
The churches having no regular preaching to be	7
Whole number of churches	39
Whole membership of 29 churches	3,045
Whole number of children in Sunday-school	2,254
Whole number of conversions from Sunday-school	82
Money raised for all purposes	$39,659 55
Value of church property	174,425 00

This shows that the New York churches pay for all purposes about thirteen dollars to the member, and about ninety cents to the member for missions. Were we to average the same in all the States, which is not impossible, it would give us annually at least $450,000.

As an item of statistical interest from Texas, we note the estimates of Carroll Kendrick.

Probable number of churches	400
" " " members	20,000
" " " preachers	200
" " " Sunday-schools	200

THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

The Bible School for colored preachers, in Louisville, was kept up all the year past with a class of fifteen, Prof. P. H. Morse teaching. The students made reasonable progress in the common English, and in their daily studies of the Bible. Already the good fruits of the School are manifest. Some ten or twelve of the young men are in the field doing good service with commendable ability, intelligence and zeal. One in Paducah, Ky., one in Texas, two in Alabama, and others in other parts

are doing well. Jackson Brayboy, of the class of 1875, has had great success in his labors in Alabama among his people.

But the School has been laboring under great disadvantages. The boarding system—working night and morning in families for their board—unavoidably makes the hours for study and recitation very irregular and unsatisfactory to all concerned; the location of the School is so very unpleasant, and our indebtedness to Prof. Morse for past services—all together made the Board hesitate to start again the usual time this fall. The opening of the session is therefore postponed. We were directed last Convention to raise $10,000 for this School, This we faithfully tried to do, but had great difficulty in finding efficient solicitors, but far greater difficulty in raising any money for it, amid such financial and business depression as we nave had in all parts of the country. We still believe the work practicable, and ask the Convention for an order either to carry out the former order, or which would be better, to take a still wider range by inducing some bold enterprising man, if possible, to commit himself for years to the work of building up Bible Schools for the colored ministry in as many Southern States as possible—schools that could be *started* with a few thousand dollars each to support a teacher in property that could be rented until the experiment has been fairly made. The colored people need above all things intelligent and pure Christian preachers of their own race to lead them out of their religious superstitions, and in this direction chiefly lies our opportunity to help them.

To the Alabama Mission we have not been able to give much this year. Some hymn-books and testaments, and several small remittances, as will appear in the Recording Secretary's report, is all; but Brother Brookes (colored) has worked right along, being greatly aided by Bro. Brayboy, of the Bible School, who together have added to the church in the last year 155, and are building up the churches in comparatively good order and intelligence. This case shows again the value of spending even a little money in many different places, that the momentum thereby created may carry the work along.

The Mississippi Mission has been principally under the support of a society of sisters organized for that purpose two years ago by the Corresponding Secretary in Rushville, Ind. But they have not been able to do much for it, yet under the momentum of our support in former years, and the stimulus of these earnest sisters the year past—additions have been made to our churches there, under the lead of Levin Woods, since our last Convention. Both this and the Alabama mission need and must have a firmer support to enable them as faithful ministers of Christ to reap the whitening fields.

This leads us to remind you that out of this Mississippi Mission sprang the project of establishing the "Southern Christian Institute" in that State, chiefly for the preparation of colored men for the ministry. A year and one half ago an ample charter was obtained. requiring $10.000 minumum and $250,000 maximum capital stock. As soon as the $10,000 is raised in satisfactory stock subscriptions, one benevolent brother will donate about $15,000, which will give the Institute a handsome start. But for the money pressure, this would probably all have been taken, and we hope that we shall be able to report the work fully established at our next Convention. It is to be in the hands of a stock company when the minumum sum shall have been raised. At present, it is managed by commissioners, with O. A. Burgess, President, and Thomas Munnell, Secretary, by whom a stock subscription of $2,000 was recently obtained.

Another mission has been carried on in Colorado by the partial support of our efficient evangelist, J. H. McCollough, who through most of the year, has given part of his time to the work in a manner highly gratifying to the Board. In Colorado, as in most other parts of the West, a few disciples may be found in most of the incipient towns and neighborhoods, but without any church organization or pastoral care. To such Bro. McCollough has gone with religious care and Christian sympathy, to preach, baptize and organize them into regular congregations and provide for their edification; and as a true scriptural evangelist, he has been setting in order the things that were wanting. Here is a summary of his work:

Has given part of his time for months	8⅓
Has held protracted meetings	2
Established church at Boulder	1
" " " Georgetown	1
Aggregate membership of both	86
Some already there, some baptized, and some reclaimed.	
Visits to Colorado Springs	2
Enrolled for a new church there	30
Fund by correspondence at Trinidad	18
" " " " Pueblo	20

Besides the tabular results, Bro. McCollough did much labor by going to different parts of that region, during the week days, preaching, encouraging and "lifting up many hands that were hanging down." He asks for $1,000 appropriation for Colorado; thinks we have more people scattered through that Territory than any other church except the Methodist; but are helping our people less than any others, who are giving from $300 to $500 to each of their weak congregations. He assures us that a moderate amount of money and the necessary "care" by wise evangelists to "set in order the things that are wanting," would give complete success all over the State. But this is only a repetition of what comes to us from all the weaker States, who say, "Give us a little money, but especially send us wise and pious evangelists to organize our scattered forces that are doing little from mere want of efficient leadership among us."

It will be seen when the accounts are fully closed up that we have met all the expenses of the year and considerably reduced our debt, so that we begin again both with a smaller incumbrance and with better financial prospects ahead.

Some of the brethren named were engaged but a short time—from one to three months—Morse, McCollough and J. H. Berry for longer time. Their labors have been in the Bible School, in the work of the Evangelist and soliciting.

Our expenses proper—travelling, postage, printing and incidentals—during the six years previous to this, did not exceed *five per cent.* of our receipts, including both State and General work. At least *ninety-five* per cent. was paid to men who were always at work. Our officers proper—Presidents of Conventions, Boards, Recording Secretaries and Treasurers—receive nothing for their time, care and responsibilities, *and never did.* The money has for the most part been raised by our Evangelists, in addition to their other duties, and so kept down expense.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We desire to call emphatic attention to the necessity of cultivating more of the spirit of *Foreign* Missions. Our past history, as well as the history of other religious bodies, proves that *home* work alone fails, and is likely always to fail in developing the true missionary spirit. One reason is that the spirit of the Great Commission is against it. The flow of true religious life is outward bound "into all the world" to "every creature." So our brethren began years ago sending the gospel into Asia, Africa and to the isles of the sea. Partial and temporary failure wrought discouragement instead of manful *determination*. A deathly regurgitation of the missionary life current set in, demanding that our means all be spent in our own country, in our own respective states, then to the counties, until now not a few are unwilling to let a dollar go out of their own vicinities, and scarcely out of their sight, and this, too, right in the midst of much preaching on the Commission. But the preaching has been chiefly concerning the *conditions of pardon*, while the phrases "All the world," "Every creature" and "Whosoever," have but seldom been emphasized to encourage the work of Foreign Missions as Christ evidently intended. In the deep and well grounded conviction that Foreign Missions will not only meet this last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ in other lands but will be the directest route also to success in home work, we suggest that this Convention most earnestly urge the brethren generally, especially in the stronger states—Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa—to do, not less at home, but more abroad; to do the necessary home missionary work, by the extra exertions of the ministry of the several counties and give to the General Board all the money they possibly can for the great West, the needy South, and for the stirring skeptical East; also to give liberally to the Foreign Board for other countries that know not God. Such sentiment must be cultivated and such work performed if we either please God, or save the world abroad, advance the work at home, preserve a good conscience or even our self-respect.

At the last Convention, the question of the future relation of the Foreign Missionary Society to the General Convention, was referred to the two Boards. Some brethren have thought it best to unite these works under one Board, but for reasons not necessary here to explain we are not ready at this meeting to recommend any definite action in the matter, believing that in another year we may be able to see our way clearer and perhaps simplify our machinery for the future. But inasmuch as in any event of this matter the business of our Convention is destined to increase as our work increases, and inasmuch as for several years it has been felt by many that too short a time has usually been allotted to the consideration of great interests often brought before us, we hereby recommend:

That the General Board be directed hereafter to arrange for sufficient time for a deliberate consideration of all important matters—Home, Foreign or Sunday-school—that may legitimately come before us in Convention assembled. We are too much hurried; business is not thoroughly considered, and the brethren return home unsatisfied with the rush of business, with so little time for the inspiration of new hopes and courage for the future.

It must not be forgetten that it has only been seven years since we formed our general and state organizations for missionary work. Of course we have made some mistakes that time and experience alone could correct. With the advantage of our past experience, with a

superior adjustment of our forces to the work before us, and with the promise of Him who will be "with us always even to the end of the world," we have nothing but hope and encouragement for the future. Even during these seven years of probation we are not ashamed of the results. The addition of 38,500 to the churches and the organization of about 260 new congregations through our missionaries would alone be an ample reward, if nothing else had been done. But the many hundreds of weak churches that have been re-established, the thousands of religious visits to families, the tens of thousands of godly conversations and warnings, the church officers that have been helped and strengthened in their work, the Sunday-schools established, Institutes held for teachers and the many good influences exerted upon all by the presence of fifty good evangelists going all over the more destitute parts of the States, every year, although never in our reports below are all reported above.

Besides these and many such unchronicled results, common sentiment has been greatly unified, discussions about plans of working all through with among those who want to co-operate, woman's missionary work successfully begun, foreign enterprise resuscitated, Bible schools for educating a colored ministry being established, State evangelists holding on for five to ten years and every thing growing more solid and permanent; and if the Disciples can in a single decade, of which we have three years yet to come, form an organization for work, discover their mistakes and correct them, and get a fair start in effective co-operation in spreading the gospel, we should not begrudge the time. It will be more than has ever been done before by any people. So then "we are always confident" and share in no forebodings of failure or defeat.

While we are disposed always to take a cheerful view of the situation, there is one thing, as in other reports, that we must repeat—*Our ministry, as a class, do not feel their personal responsibility in raising money for the missionary work.* The elders, and especially the preachers, are chiefly responsible for our lack of means. With only a few does it seem to be a matter of conscience. Any preacher that is doing much good in his congregation could secure an average of fifty cents to the member for missions without making the *church* responsible for anything. He could do it privately. The poorest, unless objects of charity themselves, would not refuse half a dollar per year. But this work does not seem to rest as a burden on the hearts of the preachers as it does among most Protestant ministers. Calls in the papers, personal letters from the evangelists, and even personal promises are often neglected, or forgotten, or made to give way to other things. It seems not to rest heavily upon the souls of the ministers, Perhaps some at this Convention are disappointed at what has been done, and yet did nothing during the year to help us. We are glad, however, to recognize some improvement in this matter among the most useful men, but a great improvement is indispensable to any respectable success.

The matters that seem to us most worthy of the consideration of the Convention, are the questions of *Bible schools for colored preachers*, the *Spirit of Foreign Missions*, and an *extension of time* hereafter to be given to the business before the Convention.

One year ago the Convention recommended an extraordinary effort to be made for the conversion of the world and the edification of feeble churches. We recommend also that all the churches begin their efforts with a week of earnest, humble prayer to God, and confession of our shortcomings in his service. Many churches accepted the exhortation. The week of prayer generally healed up any old sores that may have

existed in the church, built up the membership, and was followed by the conversion of many sinners to God. Seldom have we had such a revival among the churches. God was with us. He will draw nigh to us again if we draw nigh to Him. Shall we boldly renew the struggle once more? Shall we from this Convention send down along the whole battle line of the hosts of God strong words and good cheer, and ask every "good soldier of Jesus Christ" to the front? If the Centennial year has not been made memorable by great deeds *accomplished*, it may be made so by great deeds *begun* to the glory of our common Lord.

With gratitude for the mercies of our God during the year now past, and with a consciousness of having "done what we could," as officers of this Convention, we now return to you the trust committed to our hands.

THOMAS MUNNELL, *Cor. Secretary.*

The report on motion, of R. M. Bishop, of Ohio, was referred to Committees as follows:

On Bible Schools—R. M. Bishop, O. A. Burgess, and George Darsie.

On Foreign Missions—A. I. Hobbs, James Challen, and J. C. Goodrich.

On Extension of Time of the Convention—L. L. Carpenter, O. A. Bartholomew, and J. H. Duncan.

On motion of D. R. Van Buskirk, of New York, a Committee of three were appointed to consider the suggestion of the Board respecting a week of prayer—D. R. Van Buskirk, S. B. Teagarden, R. L. Coleman.

On motion of A. I. Hobbs, the subject of Domestic Missions was referred to a Committee of three, as follows:—W. L. Hayden, Ira J. Chase, W. H. Tiller.

On motion of Isaac Errett, a Committee was appointed to consider matters recommended by the Convention of 1875, upon which no information is given in the report of the Board—Isaac Errett, W. T. Moore, J. Z. Tyler.

The report of the Treasurer, James Leslie; the report of the Recording Secretary of Board of Managers, D. W. Chase; and the Auditor's report by B.W. Wasson, were received and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total amount received	$5,961 84
" paid out on orders	5,362.00
Balance in treasury	$ 599.84

October 14, 1876, JAMES LESLIE, *Treasurer.*

The Trustees of the Christian Hymn Book made their report as follows:

HYMN BOOK REPORT.

The Trustees of the Hymn Book beg leave to make the following report:

Amount of royalty received since last report for the benefit of the Missionary Convention.....		$1,335,00
	DR.	
Paid Enterprise Insurance Company insurance on plates.....	32,50	
To cash paid Thomas Munnell Corresponding Secretary as per his receipt.....	1,302,50	—$1,335,00

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. BISHOP, W. H. LAPE,
C. H. GOULD, O. A. BURGESS,
J. B. BOWMAN, } *Committee.*

Report adopted.

On Motion of A. I, Hobbs, the courtisies of this Convention were extended to the ministers of the city, who may be in attendance.

The time for five-minute speeches having arrived, addresses were made by R. L. Coleman, D. R. Dungan, L. L. Carpenter, J. F. Callahan, S. B. Teagarden, J. L. Burns, W. H. Clemmitt, Peter Ainslee, Jr., John T. Walsh, and J. Z. Tyler, after which Bro. Chester Bullard led the Convention in a fervent prayer.

On motion of Bro. N. S. Haynes, a Committee on nominations was appointed to consist of one delegate from each State represented in the Convention, each State delegation to make its own selection. The following is the Committee: James Challen, Ky., J. F. Rowe, Ohio, L. L. Carpenter, Ind., N. S. Haynes, Ills., Bateman Goe, Pa., D. R. Van Buskirk, N. Y., A. N. Gilbert, Md., J. Z. Tyler, Va., F. M. Kirkham, Iowa.

On motion a Committee of three on place of next meeting was constituted as follows: R. M. Bishop, O. A. Burgess, J. C. Goodrich.

After the announcement of the afternoon programme, and other announcements, the General Missionary Convention adjourned until 9½ o'clock Thursday morning, giving place to the Foreign Missionary Society for the rest of the day.

Benediction by O. A. Burgess.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

The social exercises were led by Bro. A. N. Gilbert, and participated in by several brethren.

9.30, President Pendleton took the Chair and the following Order of Business was proceeded with, viz :—

1. Devotional exercises led by A. N. Gilbert, of Maryland,
2. Continued Enrollment.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Report of Committees on report of the Board, and other Committees.
5. Report from Women's Christian Missionary Society—by Sister O. A. Burgess.
6. Five-minute Speeches. Adjourned.

2 P. M. National Sunday School Convention under the direction of F. M. Green, of Ohio.

The minutes of the preceeding session of the Convention were read and adopted.

Bro. A. I. Hobbs, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, We have not yet succceeded in securing such general co-operation of our churches as was contemplated by the Convention in adopting the present plan of co-operation, and

Whereas, We are not yet able to command sufficient means for Domestic Missions, and for some time to come the states and territories of the United States will constitute a larger field than we are able to occupy and possess :

Resolved, That we welcome as co-workers in the cause of Missions the "Foreign Christian Missionary Society" and the "Christian Women's Board of Missions," both of which organizations propose to occupy the Foreign field, and bid them God speed, rejoicing with them in the work already accomplished, and believing that under God there is a brighter future before them.

Resolved, That we most cordially invite these organizations to a close alliance with the General Christian Missionary Convention in every practicable way; and still we look forward hopefully to the time when such a general co-operation of our churches shall be secured as may enable us to resolve all these organizations into one, efficient for domestic and foreign mission work.

A. I. HOBBS,
J. C. GOODRICH,
JAS. CHALLEN,
} *Committee.*

L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana, Chairman of the Committee on Extension of Time, made the following report, which, after remarks from T. Munnell, were unanimously adopted.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of extending the time of the annual meetings of this Convention, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the propriety of so doing, and would recommend that hereafter one week (including of course one Lord's day) be devoted to the business of our various anniversaries, namely the General Convention, the Foreign Missionary Society, the Women's Christian Missionary Society, and the Sunday School Convention.

L. L. CARPENTER,
O. A. BARTHOLOMEW,
J. M. DUNCAN,
} *Committee.*

D. R. Van Buskirk, of New York, made the report from the Committee on "Week of Prayer," which on motion of C. M. Robertson, of Indiana, was adopted.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Committee to whom was referred the suggestion of the Corresponding Secretary, respecting a week of prayer, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that in their judgment the beneficial results of the observance of the recommendations of the Convention last year on this subject fully warrant them in urging the re-adoption of the same recommendations for the incoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. VAN BUSKIRK,
S. B. TEAGARDEN,
R. L. COLEMAN,
} *Committee.*

Bros. Enos Campbell, D. R. Van Buskirk, Thomas Munnell, and others, made brief remarks on this subject.

The report of the Committee on Bible Schools was read by O. A. Burgess, of Indiana, a member of the Committee. After remarks made by O. A. Burgess, R. M. Bishop, Isaac Errett, Dr. Chester Bullard, and M. Garnett, the report was unanimously adopted.

BIBLE SCHOOL.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Board pertaining to "Bible Schools"—having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

First. While we fully sympathize with every move looking to the spread of the Gospel, we can not close our eyes to the great truth, that in our midst exists a large class that seems more immediately to deserve our attention than any other portion of the people of this country.

Second. In view of the condition and wants of this class—the colored people—we hail with profound joy and thankfulness all steps taken for their benefit, whether by society organizations or by individual enterprise.

Third. We recommend therefore that more special attention be given to the support and maintenance of the "Louisville Bible School"—and that this Convention instruct the Board to aid to the extent of their ability in the use of such funds as they can so appropriate.

Fourth. We suggest that this Convention invite special attention to the Southern Christian Institute, and ask our brethren everywhere to give it their aid, as a few thousand dollars quickly raised will secure them a single gift of $15,000 to $20,000.

Fifth. We have special reason for gratitude to God, for the existence of the Bible Schools in connection with our colleges and universities; we recognize the fact that they have already accomplished, and are still accomplishing great good, and we recommend (*a*) that the members of this Convention use all their influence to aid in increasing their usefulness and (*b*) that we earnestly urge upon our churches everywhere the necessity of selecting from their own midst such young men as are godly and pious—anxious to devote their lives to the work of the ministry, but destitute of means, and sending them to such Bible Schools as they may select in order to aid them in securing a good biblical education. The ancient truth is still truth—the harvest is great, the laborers few; let us therefore be diligent and active in sending more laborers into the field.

R. M. BISHOP,
O. A. BURGESS,
GEO. DARSIE, } *Committee.*

W. L. Hayden, of Ohio, from the Committee on "Domestic Missions" made their report. Remarks were made upon the report by Ira J. Chase, of Illinois, D. R. Van Buskirk, W. A. Belding, R. M. Bishop, W. L. Hayden, James Challen, D. R. Dungan, L. A. Cutler. The report was unanimously adopted.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Domestic Missions fostered by the General Board are in Alabama, Mississippi and Colorado. The results of the work are encouraging in view of the small support that has been given them, and your committee heartily commend the work among the colored people in the South and the work on the frontier to the sympathy and generous support of the brotherhood. These are the fields of operation for this Convention, and have claims which cannot be disregarded without disloyalty to Christ. Millions of souls are at our doors calling for the bread of life, and it is our imperative duty to give it to them. Thousands of our brethren are seeking homes in the West, and are looking anxiously to us for aid to enable them to plant churches in the new and growing communities of the western states and territories. These fields have been fruitful in substantial results. We earnestly urge upon all our preachers to keep their churches informed with regard to them and their pressing demands upon their benevolence.

W. L. HAYDEN,
IRA J. CHASE,
W. H, TILLER, } *Committee.*

At this point of the proceedings J. Z. Tyler, offered the following motion, which was adopted.

Moved, that a Committee on Preaching, composed of five brethren, be appointed by the Chair.

The Committee is as follows—J. Z. Tyler, M. Garnett, L. A. Cutler, J. L. T. Holland, and W. H. Clemmitt.

Isaac Errett from the Committee on Matters recommended by the Convention of 1875, on which no report was made by the Board, reported as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have found that sixty-six weeks have been given to necessary work during the year by brethren who were released from their churches for that purpose.

Also that $117,500 have been raised by the brethren outside of missionary work for various benevolent purposes. It is believed that if all had been reported as other people report their benevolence our donations this last year would easily reach $250,000.

ISAAC ERRETT, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations reported the following names as the officers of the General Missionary Convention.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on nomination of officers for the ensuing year, beg leave to report as follows:

President.—W. K. Pendleton,
Vice Presidents—A. I. Hobbs, R. Graham, O. A. Burgess.
Corresponding Secretary—Thomas Munnell.
Recording Secretaries—F. M. Green. N. S. Haines, M. L. Streater.
Treasurer—James Leslie.
Auditor—B. W. Wasson.
Board of Managers—R. M. Bishop, James Leslie, D. W. Chase, M. H. Slosson, James Challen, Isaac Errett, W. S, Dickinson, R. R. Sloan, W. H. Lape.

JAMES CHALLEN, *Chairman.*

On motion of Geo. H. Anderson, the report was adopted.

O. A. Burgess, from the Committee on Time and Place of next meeting, reported as follows;

NEXT MEETING.

Your Committee to whom was referred the location of the next Convention beg leave to report

That they recommend the next annual meeting be held at the regular time fixed in Constitution in the city of St. Louis, in the Central Christian church. Respectfully submitted

O, A. BURGESS,
J. C. GOODRICH,
R. M. BISHOP,
} *Committee.*

The report was adopted.

Sister O. A. Burgess, from the Christian Women's Board of Missions, presented a statement of the work of this Society during the year. Bro. Enos Campbell, of Mo., followed in a short speech.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Woman's Board of Missions to the General Missionary Convention, meeting in Richmond, Va., sends Christian greeting.

This being the second anniversary of our organization, and of your cordial recognition, in Cincinnati, we wish this day to commend ourselves to your remembrance.

We know not what were yonr expectations of us, nor by what standard you measure success, but we feel that you have a right, as brethren, to our confidence, and that you will be pleased to learn how far the Lord has prospered us. We have accomplished no great things. Have neither raised thousands of dollars nor established numerous missions, but we *have* demonstrated the practicability of our "*plan*," and what is better, we have done somewhat towards awakening and increasing an interest in missionary work in different parts of the country.

We ask still to be regarded as your colaborers in the great cause, and now lay before you this brief statement:

About the first of January 1876, having $1,700 in the treasury, we sent Bro. W. H. Williams of Platte City, Mo., to labor one year for us in Jamaica. The term of his engagement has since been extended to three years. His work there has been attended with encouraging success, and the prospect brightens. We have reason for strong hope that we shall be able to sustain this mission until it becomes self-supporting, our receipts for this year being larger than those of last, notwithstanding the unusual scarceity of money among all classes.

The interest in our work is steadily though slowly increasing, and our annual meeting, just closing, has been such, in every respect, as to give us fresh strength and courage.

Our finances are in a safe and healthy condition, although this is, with us, still the day of small things; we have received no one contribution larger than one dollar per month, and very few so large as that. Our total receipts since organization have been $2,954.77. We have no indebtedness and have in treasury at this date the sum of $1,834.07

By order of the Board,

Mrs. Dr. Jameson, *President.*

Mrs. Sarah Wallace, *Secretary.*

Indianapolis, Oct. 13th, 1876.

Bro. R. M. Bishop moved that the report be filed and published with the minutes of this Convention. After remarks by O. A. Burgess, Thomas Munnell and others, the following resolution, offered by N. S. Haynes, and accepted as a substitute for the original motion, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we have heard with great pleasure the report of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, and that we hereby pledge them our sympathies and encouragement, and the report be published with the minutes of this Convention,

A. N. Gilbert offered the following resolutions, which were supported by short speeches from brethren Gilbert, Bishop, Anderson, Coleman, and afterwards adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are most earnestly and cordially tendered to the various railroad and steamboat lines for their liberal favors to the delegates:

To the newspapers of Richmond for their accurate and painstaking report of the proceedings:

To the presiding and other officers of the Convention for the able performance of their laborious duties:

And above all, to the brethren and sisters of the Richmond churches and friends (and especially the sisters), for the abundant and continuous illustration which they have given of Old Virginia hospitality, in our cordial reception to their homes and hearts, and the munificent provision made for our comfort and enjoyment.

After announcements the General Convention, yielding the rest of the day to the National Sunday School Convention, adjourned until Friday morning at 9 A. M., the social meeting to be led by Enos Campbell, of Mo.

Benediction by R. L. Coleman.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

At the above hour the social and devotional exercises were led by Enos Campbell, of Missouri. Prayers and exhortations were made by V. C. Smith, J. H. Duncan, P. S. Rhodes, Bennett, Coleman, Callahan, Trible, and many others.

At the conclusion of these services O. A. Burgess, Vice President, took the Chair.

The minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

Bro. Thomas Munnell offered the following resolutions, which were discussed and finnally unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we as preachers pledge ourselves now to devote a portion of the coming year, say from two to four weeks, to mission work, and that the preachers everywhere be urged to do the same.

Resolved, That we ask our respective churches to donate the time necessary for such labor, and that we raise what money we can in said meetings, and send the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Convention.

The business of the General Convention having been concluded, short speeches were made by James Challen, of Kentucky, on the importance of tract distribution; John F. Rowe, of Ohio, on the divine oneness of the disciples of Christ; W. A. Belding, on the power of personal influence; E. T. C. Ben-

nett, of Minnesota, on the pleasure that this meeting has afforded him; W. H. Tiller, of Indiana, on the high and heroic virtues of the older preachers among us; James Carr, of New York, on the impressions which the report on the Christian Women's Board of Missions had made on him; D. A. Snow, on the necessity of living near to Jesus, in order that we may live near each other; F. M. Kirkham, of Iowa, on the satisfaction which this Convention has afforded him; Peter Ainslee, Jr., of Virginia, on the rise and labor of our preachers; T. W. Dixon, of North Carolina, on the fullness of soul which was his heritage in this Convention; F. D. Power, of Washington, D. C., on the necessity of pressing on like Paul in the grand work of saving souls; Robert Y. Henley, of Virginia, on the words of a veteran soldier to his young companions in the King's army; W. G. Anderson, of Illinois, on the tendencies of our plea; Isaac Errett in a general exhortation to steadfastness in honorable labor in behalf of all the interests of the Church of God; W. K. Pendleton, of West Virginia, on the sublime faith of our brethren in raising the banner of Christ above the ashes of desolation.

At the conclusion of Bro. Pendleton's address, Bros. Clemmitt, McGruder and Tyler of Richmond, responded to the fraternal words which had been spoken by the members of the Convention.

On motion, the preparation of the minutes for publication was committed to the Secretaries.

The Convention was then formally adjourned, after singing the 356th hymn in the Christian Hymnal, "Christian Friends in Bonds of Love," etc., and the benediction by R. L. Coleman, of Virginia.

W. K. PENDLETON, *President.*

F. M. GREEN, *Secretary.*

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

C. H. Gould	$100 00	James Kinaird	10 00
A. E. Myers	10 00	L. S. Brown	10 00
R. Edmundson, (collection)	7 10	Dr. James S. Lane	25 00
Mrs. J. Mitchell	2 00	A. F. Duckworth	2 00
J. Z. Tyler	10 00	John C. Miller	10 00
H. U. Dale, Ill	5 00	Samuel Robbins	2 00
W. B. Ebbert	2 00	Ladies Miss. Society Central Church, New Albany	25 00
Paris, Mo	20 00	Benjamin Crist	5 00
Irwin, Mich	9 00	Akron, Ohio	5 26
J. A. Roberts	5 00	Miss E. J. Dickinson	10 00
R. Richardson	1 00	E. C. Fox	2 50
Clifton Prewett	5 00	J. C. Fox	10 00
John H. Gaff	5 00	Antioch, Virginia	10 20
J. H. Elliott	5 00	Greensburg, Indiana	4 00
Chas. Goodpastur	5 00	Baltimore, Md	6 00
J. W. Chenault	5 00	Old Union, Ky	5 15
Wm. Phelps	2 00	West Rupert, Vt	4 00
Mrs. S. A. Berry	5 00	By George Lobengier	5 00
E. J. Young	2 00	Mrs. Musser	1 00
Robert Duncan	5 00	J. S. Withers	10 00
Margaret M. Scott	5 00	Mrs. Ridgeway	2 00
D. H. Gary	5 00	T. H. Lucas	5 00
Warren, Ohio	7 69	John A. Gano	10 00
R. Hillers	10 00	A. & T. Carrick	5 00
J. Jilloss	10 00	W. H. Murphy	2 00
Pittsfield Church, Ills	7 50	T. Arnsparger	1 00
L. B	10 00	J. T. Calloway	2 00
John Berkshire	5 00	Tou Paul, Ills	3 00
David Riggs	2 00	Georgetown, Ky	27 00
Geo. Terrill	5 00	B. J. Peters	5 00
Wm. Appleton	10 00	Mrs. Glass	2 00
W. F. Snyder	5 00	Mary Armstrong	3 00
Henry Terrell	2 00	G. W. Elley	5 00
James Frank	5 00	Princetion, Ill	15 00
Wm. Howard	2 00	W. M. Huston	2 00
John A. Gex	5 00	South Butler, New York	14 25
Wm. Craig	5 00	Tilman Van Buskirk	1 00
John Beard	5 00	George Van Buskirk	2 00
J. J. Landman	5 00	E. H. Hill, Ohio	2 00
Robert Payne	5 00	Snachwine, Ill	22 50
H. P. Clore	5 00	P. D. Mitchell	5 00
Mrs. D. Scotten	5 50	Sister Witman	50
V. W. Bush	5 00	J. P. Darst	5 00
A. Ward	1 80	Mary J. Armstrong	2 00
Mrs. M. J Robinson	5 00	Sister Berry	1 00
B. P. Goff	10 00		

L. J. North	1 00	Robert Bennington	2 00
C. J. Gibson	1 00	C. F. Lee	2 00
M. H. Hornish	1 00	H. U. Dale	1 00
Mary V. Powell	2 00	W. F. Gilman	1 00
Bentonville, Ind	9 00	B. J. Perrin	1 00
J. V. Hadley	5 00	M. H. Wadsworth	1 00
Mrs. P. Price	1 00	Mrs. John Hall	1 00
O. B. Badger	3 00	Mrs. C. F. Walker	1 00
Lane & Thornton	25 00	R. M. Perkins	2 00
Brother Crose	50	S. E. Matthews	2 00
Cloverdale, Ind	2 90	A. C. Glidden	1 00
H. B. Goe	50 00	G. G. Matthews	1 00
Morris Beard	50 00	Mrs. C. E. Kizer	1 00
Mrs. Morris Beard	50 00	Mrs. R. M. Thompson	1 00
J. T. Dye	25 00	Minerva Wright	2 00
Sister M	1 00	H. C. Baird	2 00
Mt. Sterling, Ky	75 50	Fannie Hancock	2 00
E G. Hall	5 00	B. T. Maupin	2 00
Mrs. F. G. Hillman	10 00	U. S. Allen	3 00
Mrs. Artie Ashbrook	20 00	Emma Fetter	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Frazer	10 00	John Darst	20 00
William Adams	5 00	J. E. Myers	2 00
A. Levesque	2 00	G. R. Shirley	1 00
Samuel Coleman	5 00	John Pangburn	1 00
J. H. Hazelrigg	5 00	F. H. Kaupke	1 00
J. E. Miles	5 00	T. Balmser	1 00
Lewis Chowning	5 00	Mary A. La Duc	1 00
E. F. Caldwell	5 00	H. W. Laymen, O	5 00
E. Frazier	5 00	Enos Campbell	10 00
J. L. Caldwell	5 00	Mrs. Enos Campbell	10 00
N. J. Tribble	5 00	H. W. Laymen, O	5 30
W. H. Ballard	5 00	J. P. Clapp	10 00
M. G. Irvin	5 00	Asa Shuler, O	10 00
W. H. Broaddus	5 00	J. S. West, O	5 00
G. F. Hillman	5 00	J. W. Henry, O	5 00
G. F. Hillman	10 00	John Beshan	5 00
Brother Branham	1 00	Bennet Beshan	5 00
Martin Van Buskirk	3 00	George F Haynie	5 00
Milton Sprong	2 00	W V Utter	5 00
Sandford Wilson	5 00	J M Vandervort	5 00
Isaac Powell	5 00	J S Vandervort	5 00
J. W. Ingram	10 00	C C Miller	3 00
George Bicknell	5 00	Dr S Van Meter	5 00
John Ireland	5 00	C E Wilson	5 00
Joseph Kleinbub	1 00	E Gowing	5 00
J. W. Ingram	1 00	Central Christian S.S, Cin'ti,	100 00
John Allen	5 00	Ohio State Miss Society	170 94
O. F. Lane	5 00	E W Marble	4 00
Harlan Hadley	5 00	J W Durham	3 00
Thomas Porter	20 00	Mattie A Pond	2 00
Hiram Hadley	3 00	J M Rannells	2 00
Daniel Carter	5 00	Peter Looney	1 00
C. B. Cook	1 00	Mrs E A Looney	1 00
Anna Barber	5 00	J H Tillman	5 00
Hugh Bristow	1 00	E S Frazer	5 00
A. C. Kidd	1 00	J S Meyers	3 00
J. H. Frume	50	G M Titsworth	2 00

Mrs Belle Hugley	5 00
Mrs Christian	2 50
Mrs M J Hays	2 50
S T Lindsay	1 25
C V Wellman	5 00
D D Jones	1 25
Hiram Glascock	5 00
Thomas Butler	2 50
Allen Brown	1 00
Bettie Strade	1 00
Clarida Beshears	1 00
M S Glascock	3 00
Thomas Crutcher	1 00
Mrs A E Mason	1 00
M H Fannan	1 00
J M Crooks	2 00
H F Davis	2 00
Mrs M J Sparks	2 50
C S Sweeney	1 00
W J Barbee	5 00
J K Bondurant	4 00
Mrs M K Scott	1 00
George E Flower	5 00
E W Bagley	1 00
J M Adams	5 00
A C Mays	5 00
W P Winfree	1 00
W H Henry	1 00
Mrs M E Smith	1 00
F G Gilbert	1 00
J H Little	1 00
Mrs G E Jones	1 00
Dr J G Brooks	1 00
Mrs Dr Maxwell	1 00
George A Whitney	5 00
C S Templeman	2 50
John Coons	1 00
Henry Pond	5 00
Z T Sweeney	5 00
C E Clark	2 00
L Whaley	5 00
Mrs Harriett Judah	5 00
George Street	10 00
John Spivy	2 00
C S Wilson	3 00
R Faurot	50 00
G C Hays	2 00
S J Wellman	5 00
S G Newton	2 00
Bettie Lear	5 00
J C Fox	20 00
Eveline Stewart	1 00
Enoch Smith	10 00
Dr Hill	1 00
M B Young	2 00
Dr E R Roe	5 00
Sharon, Pa	2 90
W M Winkler	2 00
Dr Hudson	1 00
N S Haynes	5 00
East Smithfield, Pa	8 35
L S Hunt	1 00
Wm Mauzy	1 00
Mrs Nancy Robinson	1 00
B F Norris	2 00
George Guffin	5 00
H Miller	1 00
E Robinson	1 00
J H Berry	1 10
Robert Hatch	5 20
Rushville, Ind	5 65
Dr J P Orr	10 00
J S Looney	1 00
J J Wilson	1 50
A G Wilson	1 00
John Blacklidge	5 00
J Daubenspeck	2 00
B Daubenspeck	2 00
Mrs J Daubenspeck	50
Miss Emily Daubenspeck	55
Miss Margaret Daubenspeck	55
W C Austin	1 50
Mrs N Hinchman	50
James Bussel	1 00
Mrs M Hinchman	1 00
Sandford Hinchman	1 00
Allen Hinchman	2 00
Brother Kirkwood	1 25
S McCrary	1 00
Miss Wykoff	25
H B Lucas	50
Mrs Margaret Saxon	1 00
J Shortridge	1 00
J T McMillan	1 00
S C Wykoff	1 00
Gray & Co	1 00
L Elsutn	1 00
George Elstun	1 00
E Flston	2 00
William Burton	2 00
Joseph Burton	1 00
C D Stewart	1 00
Alice Duke	1 00
H Boys	1 00
D Priest	1 00
J M Winship	25
J H Vinson	2 00
Moscow, Ind	3 20
St Paul, Ind	80
H H. Black	4 20
Annie Hays	1 00
J H Berry	127 40
Washington City	20 00
F M Kibbey	42 15

J H Berry	92 70
H Glascock	5 00
R N Turnbull	5 00
J P Lowry	2 00
M L Franklin	1 00
T B Ford	1 00
Julia A Gentle	1 00
Mrs E Tucker	1 00
T H Coleman	2 40
S C Brown	1 00
Wm Pitt	1 00
J G Harley	1 00
T W Thornton	1 00
Lucy A Brown	1 00
Sarah Cash	1 00
Fanny Pitt	1 00
John O'Kane	1 00
Martha O'Kane	1 00
J T Martin	1 00
W S Worsham	1 00
Lizzie Pritchett	1 00
D Christian	1 00
Mrs N V Taliaferro	1 00
Dr J W Luckie	1 00
J T Nelson	50
G W Daniel	50
Mrs M C McKean	1 00
Mrs Agnes Hill	1 00
S C Hill	1 00
Miss N W Myers	1 00
J L Doan	50
J D Wyatt	1 00
Mrs J G Conyer	1 00
R A Purdy	1 00
Dr Wm Keith	1 00
J Hazelrigg	1 00
S W Turner	1 00
Mrs A E Wren	1 00
Mrs M B Sears	1 00
J Saltz	1 00
Mrs Bettie Grant	1 00
G D Potts	1 00
Sallie C Shotwell	5 00
A J Lockland	5 00
Bloomington, Ills S S	20 00
Samuel Robbins	1 00
Woodbine, Iowa	5 00
Sarah M Stillman	5 00
Louis P Carrington	1 00
Matilda Anderson	1 00
L B	5 00
L Lacy	50
Lawrenceburg, Ind	7 00
Noblesville, Ind	3 20
B G Burrow	5 00
G L Towner	1 00
B F Elsea	2 00
Miss E C McCann	1 00
J H Tuggles	50
B Hughes	1 00
Foster Moore	1 00
Dr F B Fillpot	1 00
Dr J M Walker	5 00
L Silver	1 00
Dr F J Moore	1 00
Thomas Smith	1 00
W T Rutherford	8 00
W T Rutherford Jr	2 00
Mrs Rebeeca Rutherford	1 00
Charles Allen	4 00
James Allen	1 00
T D Bogie	1 00
Mrs Dr Taylor	1 00
Mrs M Patten	1 00
Dr R E Kennaird	1 00
Bro Calhoun	1 00
J R Estill	10 00
Mrs M Estill	5 00
John Lee	5 00
Sister Lee	2 50
Collections by J H *B*erry	39 50
James Dodds	1 00
Mrs J W Henry	1 00
Mrs L G Lacy	1 00
Mrs Eliza P Carr	1 00
Mrs J N Wright	1 00
Mrs M McCann	1 00
Mrs. F. Tuggles	1 00
D. J. McCune	1 00
J. B. Lipscomb	1 00
J. A. Scott	50
W. G. Grimes	2 00
S. J. Goodfellow	50
Oscar Holdman	50
J. S. Hedger	1 00
J. N. Moore	1 00
Samuel Johnson	1 00
Geo. Cravens	1 00
Y. Blakey	1 00
J. L. Dobson	2 00
W. P. Johnson	1 00
Mrs. C. Cravens	1 00
Sallie Blakey	1 00
Mrs. T. G. Dulaney	1 00
J. G. Eberly	1 00
Mrs. A. P. Terrill	1 00
Mrs. M. C. Wisdom	2 00
Mrs. H. C. Wisdom	2 00
Mrs. M. E. Bowman	1 10
Geo. Bower	1 00
Thos H Randall	1 00
Lanark, Ill	3 30
Jacksonville, Ill	27 00
Mattoon S. S., west side	5 00
W V Vandervort	5 00
N. Vandervort	4 00
D. F. Cox	2 50
James F. Means	5 00

Mrs. D. T. Ellis	5 00	Bettie Critenton	25
J. H. Garvin	5 00	Fannie Batterton	25
Bedford, Ind	5 40	Martha Johnson	25
H M Ayers	25	Polly Hummins	25
Jane Ayers	25	Emily Ringgold	25
Daniel Ayers	25	Lizzie Ayers	25
Jane Ayers	25	Hannah Umphus	25
Wm Davis	25	Olander Tolds	25
Mary Davis	25	Jerry Shelton	25
Simeon Gardner	25	Bloomington, Ind	2 00
Tillitha Gardner	25	J. O. Hopkins	1 00
Ellison King	25	Mrs. Gaines	5 00
America King	25	John Aids	5 00
Levi Johnson	25	E. B. Jones	2 00
Lizzie Johnson	25	James Liller	1 00
T C Burbridge	25	Hopewell, Ind	6 64
Mary A Burbridge	25	Greensburg, Ind	5 50
Edward Reed	25	S. A. Custer	1 00
Mary Reed	25	M. Littell	2 00
D C Reed	25	Ravenna, O	14 46
Eliza Brown	25	Letcher Good	25
Scott Branch	25	Philish Good	25
Henry Bruckens	25	Green Good	25
Rosa Campbell	25	Michael Lee	10
Millie Campbell	25	Miles Payton	25
Caleb Christopher	25	Mary Paylon	20
Henry Clay	25	Haner Hocker	25
Nancy Estel	25	Lizzie Hocker	10
Peter Edwards	25	Mollie Simes	25
Charley Frazier	25	Mattie Good	25
Marshal Harden	25	Ed Payton	10
Mary Harden	25	W M Alcorn	15
Elijah Hathaway	25	Sarah Good	25
Nelly Hogan	25	Emer Morton	10
Isum Jackson	25	Lizzie Jane Woods	15
Esther Jackson	25	Alex Bruce	10
Mary Jackson	25	Small collections	30
Alexander Jones	25	Ligonier, Ind	3 00
Mary Jones	25	Collections by J H Berry	21 50
Washington Johnson	25	Emeline Ferguson	1 00
Nannie Jackson	25	P. W. Halley	2 00
Priscilla Macerfer	25	A. T. Pruitt	1 00
Martha Moor	25	J. C. Lee	1 00
Eliza Nelson	25	B. F. Darrow	1 00
A W Redd	25	Rebecca J. Lee	1 00
Simon Redd	25	Eunice C. Halley	1 00
Susan Sailes	25	Susan L. Collins	1 00
Henry S Scott	25	Robert Donaldson	1 00
S Shelton	25	J. H. Boggs	1 00
Sarah Smuthers	10	J. W. Burton	1 00
Andrew Suter	25	L. S. Lawkins	1 00
Richard Suter	25	J. W. Ferrell	1 00
Anna Taylor	25	J. H. Hickman	1 00
Jane Talman	25	H. Davis	1 00
Clay Vam	25	Elesa Baumgardner	1 00
Francis Walker	25	Bettie Baumgardner	1 00
Matilda Wilson	25	J. W. McLean	1 00
Maria Young	25	B. F. Bryant	5 00
Jacob Walker	25	Mary E. Pollock	1 00

Lorena Lister	1 00	Jane Waters	1 00
J. S. Carter	1 00	Charles M Smith	50
J. S. Gordon	1 00	Emarine Smith	50
G. W, Fletcher	1 00	Anna Jerry	50
A. H. Shink	1 00	Dr. S. Baldwin	3 00
J. O. Miller	1 00	D. Willis	3 00
Elizabeth Ditridge	1 00	Kokomo, Ind	21 10
W. Fletcher	1 00	Monroe, Ills	850
E. G. Byers	45	Harristown, Ills	8 20
Mary L. Dysort	1 00	Linnville Ills	8 50
G. H. Ryle	1 00	I. J. Chase	5 00
Sarah D, Yager	50	Persis L Christian	1 00
T. B. Yager	1 00	Wm. Bean	2 00
Mattie Hultz	50	J. B. Sidener	1 00
Mattie E. Gordon	50	M. French	1 00
E?mira Williamson	50	J. A. Hardie	50
Mary B. Taylor	50	Anna Buffington	5 00
W. A. Gordon	1 00	J. A. Booe	5 00
Joseph Shelby	50	E. Gowing	20 00
Mrs. A. Dicken	1 00	Oliver Bryant	50
W. W. Duncan	50	Thomas Scott	50
Allen Fliger	1 00	Moses Graves, jr	25
Mary E. Taylor	1 00	Younger King	1 00
Rebecca Harwood	50	Samuel Bryars	25
N. B. Harwood	1 00	Catherine Wake	25
Alice Ligon	50	John Hill	25
Leo Wineway	1 00	John Lewis	1 00
Daniel Laderbach	1 00	Sarah Shelie	25
Biddle Cole	50	Frank Bush	50
Minerva Slusher	95	Eliza Graws	50
M. A. Garr	1 00	Hezekiah Wells	50
M. A. Hayden	1 00	Miller King, jr	50
Geo. Lunday	50	Louis Williams	25
P. J. Fletcher	50	Jesse Williams	50
S. W. Warren	50	Henry Williams	50
Blanche H. Corder	50	Samuel Fishback	25
Nancy Tucker	50	James Wells	25
Miller A. Redd	50	Thomas Forren	25
S. A. Berry	25	David Lewis	50
M. J. Book	50	Matilda Humphrey	25
Mary Fitzpatrick	50	Frank Sharp	25
J. W. Donohue	50	Jane Bell	25
C. J. Campbell	50	America Turpin	1 00
B. F. McCord	1 00	Henry Clay	26
S. W. Crutcher	20 00	Jenny Hunt	50
C. W. Sewell	20 00	Mattie Hunt	50
I. B. Grubbs	5 00	John McCornold	25
Collected by colored principal.	5 50	John Fishback	60
Mt. Byrd, by F. G. Allen	10 00	J. Van Note	50
Lexington, Ky	15 00	S. Lewis	50
S. A. Kelly	1 00	John Corbin	2 00
Caverna, Ky	7 00	John McLain	2 00
Oakland, Ky	7 00	Lewis P Corrington	1 00
White Run, Ky	5 00	Matilda Anderson	1 00
Lexington Main St. Church	26 70	Chapel, Indianapolis	45 00
I. B. Grubbs	15 00	Bethel, Indianapolis	3 00
Pleasant Grove	7 00	Third Church, Indinapolis	3 68
Mt. Sterliug	19 00	Butler Mission	20
J. D, Reed	5 00	Olive Branch	1 89

F. M. Hughes	25
Morton Green	1 00
Wyatt Hopkins	50
J. Hunter	1 00
J. W. Lawhead	5 00
Maeomb, Ills	6 00
Mrs. J. Slade	5 00
Samuel Freeman	50
Mrs. S. A. Bromwell	5 00
Melinda Howe	1 00
M. B. Peake	1 00
Alice B. Davis	1 00
M. W. P. Wood	1 00
Mrs. J. London	1 00
B. C. Toler	1 00
W. D. Roberts	1 00
G. W. Rice	1 00
Jessie Silver	1 00
G. W. Kost	2 00
O. G. Roberts	2 00
Wm. Hummel	2 00
S, A. Wilcoxen	1 00
Jerry Wilcoxen	5 00
Sister Whitney	5 00
Lottie Bailey	2 00
L. L. Bailey	25
J. M. Hassen	2 00
Jacob Graybill	5 00
Joseph Shelton	5 00
Sister Lee	50
Sister Wynkoop	1 00
John Schriblin	10 00
Collections by W *B Berry*	91 40
J. Warren	2 00
M. E. Vivian	50
H. C. Fitzgerald	1 00
A. Linville	50
B. C. Ridge	1 00
Alonzo Snedaker	1 00
J. H. Anderson	1 00
J. Dufrend	1 00
T. S. Wedge	1 00
Dennls Payne	1 00
John M. Christie	1 00
Jas. F. Downing	1 00
W. C. O'Rear	1 00
Y. D. Dennison	1 00
John W. Campbell	1 00
T. H. Mitchell	1 00
G. C. Wolf	1 00
Anne R. Dobyns	50
Margaret Long	1 00
Mrs. L. Pepper	1 00
L. P. Letton	1 00
M. V. Henry	1 00
Jas. W. Renick	1 00
W. C. Hyatt	1 00
Nancy Roberts	1 00
W. T. Christian	2 00
D. C. Mize	1 00
J. B. Collier	1 00
J. W. Mack	1 00
W. L. Hedges	1 00
Bacon bequest	507 36
J. E. Holles	11 50
Kokomo, Ind	9 00
Walker, Welch & Co., Kokomo, Ind	50 00
Henry B. Goe	50 00
Illinois State Treasury	25 00
Decatur, Ills	3 12
Benton, Mo	2 00
Thomas Goff	5 00
G. F. Hillman	15 00
J. T. Toof	5 00
Columbus, Ind	5 00
R. Faurot	10 00
H. H. Graham	5 00
G. W. Snoddy	5 00
Hicksville, O	1 10
Springfield, Ills	11 00
Butler, O	1 70
Missouri State Treasury	60 42
Quincy, Ills	5 00
Mt. Pleasant, O	10 00
W. K. Pendleton	10 00
Frankfort, Ky	15 00
J. A. Roberts	10 00
New Castle, Ind	3 00
Lima, O	2 10
Woodburn, Ills	2 50
Mt. Pulaski	1 60
LittleMackinaw	3 10
Wilmington, O	4 07
Atlanta, Ills	5 00
Broadwell, Ills	5 10
Springfield, Mo	6 00
Pompey, N. Y	2 00
Oskaloosa, Ia	4 00
Rushville, Ind	15 00
New Albany, Ind	5 00
Vincennes, Ind	7 50
Annie Barbour	5 00
Central Christian Ch., Cin	27 83
Eureke, Ills	25 00
J. H. Berry	16 50
Interest from Bacon Fund	31 64
Wauseon, O	5 00
Leavenworth, Ks	1 00
A. J. Kane	65 00
Clear Creek, O	2 58
Hymn Book Fund	1302 50

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER.

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1875,			
Nov. 17,	By Cash	.....	$368,08.
Dec. 14,	" "	.....	137,24.
1876.			
Jan. 25,	By Cash	.....	$189.80.
March 15,	" "	.....	322.70.
" 15,	" "	.....	439.30.
April 11,	" "	.....	83.00.
11,	" "	.....	25.30.
May 1,	" "	.....	100.00.
22,	" "	.....	170.94.
1876.			
July 10,	By Cash,	.....	881.84.
10,	" "	.....	2.06.
Oct.	" "	.....	57.76.
	"	.....	214.55.
	"	.....	530.92.
	"	.....	539.00.
	"	.....	1841.23.
	"	.....	58.53.
Total amount received....			$6 061 84

Dr.

To Order No.	957,	.....	$237.41
	" 958	.....	75.00
	" 959	.....	50.00
	" 960	.....	50.00
	" 961	.....	50.00
	" 962	.....	11.50
	" 963	.....	75.00
	" 964	.....	50.00
	" 965	.....	75.00
	" 966	.....	50.00
	" 967	.....	25.00
	" 968	.....	50.00
	" 969	.....	239.30
	" 970	.....	48.10
	" 971	.....	35.30
	" 972	.....	239.30
	" 973	.....	50.00
	" 974	.....	100.00
	" 975	.....	25.00
	" 976	.....	100.00
	" 977	.....	100.00
	" 978	.....	25.00
	" 979	.....	25.00
	" 980	.....	25.00
	" 981	.....	326.59
	" 982	.....	76.15
	" 983	.....	125.00
	" 984	.....	19.20
To Order No.	985	.....	125.00
	" 986	.....	21.50
	" 987	.....	125.00
	" 988	.....	13.00
	" 989	.....	50.00
	" 990	.....	20.00
	" 991	.....	47.50
	" 992	.....	31.70
	" 993	.....	10.00
	" 994	.....	15.00
	" 995	.....	90.35
	" 996	.....	144.20
	" 997	.....	42.00
	" 998	.....	65.95
	" 999	.....	77.20
	" 1000	.....	20.00
	" 1001	.....	10.00
	" 1002	.....	171.37
Omitted	" 961½	.....	82.95
	" 1003	.....	500.00
	" 1004	.....	188.28
	" 1005	.....	65.00
	1006	.....	50.00
	" 1007	.....	25.00
	" 1008	.....	614.22
	" 1009	.....	398.73
			$5362.00

October 14, 1876,

JAMES LESLIE, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY.

Balance in treasury last report	$ 58 52	
Received during year	5903 32	
		$6,061 84
Paid out on orders		5,362 00
		$ 699 84

To the above are to be added the sums raised and expended in the several States, as per Report of the Board, $42.291.54. Grand total, $48,253.38.

D. W. CHASE, *Recording Secretary.*

Having examined the accounts and vouchers of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, of General Christian Missionary Convention for 1876, I find them correct.

B. W. WASSON, *Auditor.*

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POSTSCRIPT.

The whole amount of money raised for Missionary purposes since our General Convention was organized in 1869—.....seven years—according to the annual minutes is	$426,378.83
This averages annually	60,911.26
Averages annually before 1869, by both State and General Societies	32,973.43
The additions for the last seven years	39,337
" " annual average "	5,619
The additions for seven years previous to 1869, both State and General Societies	8,753
Annual average	1,250

This shows that after all the supposed inherent inefficiency of the General Organization, it has doubled the amount of money all told, raised during the seven years immediately preceeding 1869, and more than quadrupled the number of additions.

Included in these results is the organization of about 225 new churches, the organization of the Sunday School work in a number of the States, Women's Board of Foreign Missions, Foreign Christian Missionary Society, Louisville Bible School, besides the strengthening of many weak churches, the erection of scores of meeting houses, a very general acquaintance and unification of sentiment among the ministry and congregations, an encouraging growth in the missionary spirit of our people, and such an improvement in the general character of our State and General Conventions as was scarcely hoped for less than one decade ago.

Our future duty is clear—pray on and work on; know nothing but Christ and him crucified; ask the brethren for money to strengthen the people and to convert the world, and when the battle shall have been well fought, retire to the rest that remains for the people of God.

THOMAS MUNNELL.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOREIGN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 18, 1876, 2 P. M.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society assembled at the above hour in the Christian Chapel, at the corner of Seventh and Grace Streets, Richmond, Va., and was opened by appropriate religious services conducted by the President, Isaac Errett, of Ohio, who read the Holy Scriptures, and called on the venerable James Challen, of Kentucky, to lead the Convention in prayer. After singing, the President announced that the Convention was ready for business.

The Recording Secretary being absent, the Convention selected L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana, to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

W. K. Pendleton, of West Virginia, moved that the Chair appoint a Committee of two on Enrollment, which was agreed to, and Thomas Munnell of Kentucky, and O. A. Burgess of Indiana, were appointed said Committee.

A. I. Hobbs, of Illinois, moved a Committee of three be appointed on Order of Busines, which was agreed to, and the followingbrethren were appointed: A. I. Hobbs, of Illinois; R. M. Bishop, of Ohio; and W. K. Pendleton, of West Virginia.

The Committee on Enrollment reported the names of the following members of the Society as present:—

Life Directors.—W. T. Moore, Ohio; H. B. Goe, Pa.; O. A. Bartholomew, Ohio; Isaac Errett, Ohio; R. M. Bishop, Ohio.

Life Members.—W. K. Pendleton, West Virginia; J. B. Cary, Virginia; James Challen, Ky.; Thomas Munnell, Ky.; L. L. Carpenter, Indiana; F. M. Green, Ohio; M. L. Streater, Pennsylvania; George Darsie, Ky.; A. I. Hobbs, Illinois; W. L. Hayden, Ohio; J. L. Burns, North Carolina; Ira J. Chase, Illinois; O. A. Burgess, Indiana; R. L. Coleman, Virginia.

Annual Members.--F. W. Dixon, North Carolina; Mrs. J. B. Thomas, Missouri; A. N. Haskins, Va.; Z. T. Smith, Kentucky; R. M. Kent, J. F. Rowe, G. H. Anderson, James Carr, C. S. Lucas, Mary A. Hammond, J. B. Thomas,

The Committee on Order of Business presented the following report which was agreed to.

1. Report of the Board of Managers by the Corresponding Secretary, W. T. Moore, of Ohio.
2. Reference of report to proper Committees.
3. Appointment of Committee on Nominations.
4. Official Reports.
5. Short Speeches.
6. Reports of Committees.

Evening Session—Meet at 7.30 P. M., and spend one-half an hour in prayer and social worship.

At 8 o'clock annual address by the President of the Society, Isaac Errett, of Ohio.

R. M. Bishop, of Ohio, moved that the members present attending the General Missionary Convention be invited to take part in the deliberations of the Convention, which motion was unanimously adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Society, Bro. W. T. Moore, of Ohio, then read the report of the Board of Managers as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

It is with devout thankfulness to our heavenly Father that we present the first report of the Board of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. One year ago our Society was organized and started on its career. Those who were the principal movers in its formation were animated by no extraordinary hopes of immediate success in the work proposed. They knew too well the difficulties that had to be overcome, and not the least among these difficulties was the want of a proper appreciation of the work by those who were expected to contribute to its support. In fact, it was understood, from the start, that our work embraced not only conversions to Christ in foreign fields, but also, conversions to real missionary work in the home field. But, notwithstanding the many difficulties in the way, our Society was organized with the most ardent hopes that it would in time reach the highest degree of usefulness. And now, after one year's experience, we are not disappointed in what was, at the beginning, a firm conviction with all.

THE WORK BEGUN.

It was not long after the adjournment at Louisville, until the Executive Board arranged with Bro. J. S. Lamar, then pastor of the Fourth and Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., to go as our missionary to Italy. In this appointment the Board felt they had secured an able and efficient evangelist, and that as soon as the announcement could be

made, new interest would at once be awakened in our work. But we were doomed to disappointment. For while the Corresponding Secretary was preparing a circular for our papers setting forth the value and importance of the mission proposed and appealing to the brotherhood for aid, we received a letter from Bro. Lamar positively declining the mission. He stated that since his acceptance matters over which he had no control made this necessary. We then opened a correspondence with Bro. J. H. Hardin, of Mexico, Mo., who shortly agreed to go to India. He was accordingly appointed by the Board. Subsequent correspondence, however, developed the fact that Bro. Hardin could not go without such sacrifices to both himself and the Board as were deemed unnecessary to make. He accordingly sent in his resignation and it was accepted. It is proper to state, also, in this connection, that Bro. C. S. Blackwell, of Burlington, Iowa, who had offered himself as a missionary at the Convention at Louisville, concluded, after mature reflection, that he was not yet ready for the great work, and therefore, declined for the present, to go upon any of the missions proposed.

THE WORK DONE.

At this juncture of affairs, providence seemed to open up to us a new and unexpected field. Dr. A. Holck, a native of Denmark, but a resident of this country for about eight years, united with the Central Church in Cincinnati. It soon became evident that he was a man of great faith, earnest piety, and endowed with superior intellectual attainments. He had been associated with the Baptists, but his religious views were generally in harmony with those of the Disciples; and, after careful examination of our religious position, he became thoroughly convinced that he was entirely at one with us. He had for some time entertained hopes of going back to his native country as a missionary, and after full and free conference, he was appointed by the Board, and solemnly ordained to the work of a missionary to Denmark. He has been in that country a little over three months and has begun his work in Copenhagen. He writes hopefully, though by no means confidently of any great immediate success. He says he finds many difficulties in the way, and among these the chief is the want of faith among the people in the word of God. He says our plea for "the Bible and the Bible alone" is about the most difficult that could be made, since the people seem to be willing to accept almost any kind of religion rather than that taught in the word of God. The work there, however, has not been in progress long enough to be able to determine with anything like certainty how it is likely to succeed. We shall hope and pray for the best results.

Bro. H. S. Earl's mission to England is so far very promising. He has mainly confined his work to Southampton. For several months he has been preaching to crowded congregations in a large hall which will hold some two thousand people. Recently he organized a church of thirty-three members, and has since received by baptism fourteen, making a total membership of forty-seven. This is certainly very encouraging, and as the interest seems unabated, we look with deep anxiety for subsequent reports from our beloved missionary. This mission has been partly self-sustaining, partly sustained by Bro. Earl himself; but the Board has furnished all the aid it possibly could. It is hoped that this little church will at once find a place in the hearts of our entire brotherhood.

FINANCIAL.

Owing to the extreme difficulty of raising money for almost any purpose during the past year, it was thought wise not to make any very special effort in this direction, except as far as it could be done without any pecuniary risk to the Society.

Early in the year Bro. R. Moffett resigned his position as Corresponding Secretary, and W. T. Moore was appointed in his place. This change was deemed necessary in order that the Corresponding Secretary might be within easy reach of the Board meetings. Neither of the Secretaries has charged anything for labor performed, though a small sum of about $20 was allowed the latter to pay for work which he was compelled to have done for him. It was believed by the Board, at least for some time, that appeals for aid through the papers and by circulars would be quite sufficient, and that this means would secure all the money needed. This plan incurred little or no expense in soliciting, and was certainly worth a fair trial.

But after making several appeals through the papers and sending circulars to a number of brethren with very meager results, it was thought best to place an agent in the field to solicit funds for the Society. Accordingly Z. F. Smith, of Eminence, Ky., was appointed to do such work for the Society as he could in view of his other engagements, the Board agreeing to pay him a salary for the time he worked—he agreeing to raise his salary on the field. Bro. Smith has been able to work only a small portion of the time. but generally with good rerults. We submit herewith his report:

EMINENCE, Ky., Oct., 1876.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society:

BRETHREN:—I submit the following report of the results of the irregular and imperfect work which I have done within the past year, as your Soliciting and Financial Agent. I have been enabled to give but brief intervals of time last autumn, and again in April of the present year, and, lastly, from the 9th of September until the present date—about two months of work altogether, It was not until April of the present year, that I solicited any subscriptions except in single payments, and these due before the termination of the year.

Churches.	Am't Sub.	Am't Paid.
Madisonville, Ky.	28 00	28 00
Frankfort, "	$132 00	$127 00
Harrodsburg, "	26 50	25 50
Lancaster, "	62 25	55 50
Hopkinsville, "	87 50	73 50
Cadiz, "	21 00	20 00
Trenton, "	63 00	63 00
Elkton, "	28 00	29 00
Total Subscription	$449 25	$421 50
Amount collected of subscribers prior to January 1st, 1876.		421 50
Charged by Z. F. Smith, Agent, for traveling and other expenses incidental to soliciting and collecting		$52 75
Net balance paid over to the Treasurer		$368 75

Individuals and Churches.	Annual Subs.	Total subs. for 5 years.	Am't Paid.
Dr. E. Williams, Cincinnati	$20 00	$100 00	
5th Street Church, Covington, Ky	12 00	12 00	7 00
Falmouth, Ky	7 25	7 25	1 25
Cynthiana, "	11 00	51 00	11 00
Paris, "	15 00	55 00	5 00
Grassy Springs, Ky	54 50	162 50	54 50
Winchester. "	154 00	770 00	
15th Street Church, Louisville, Ky	79 00	251 00	22 00
Middletown, Ky	11 00	41 00	4 00
Beargrass, "	71 00	355 00	21 00
Mt, Sterling "	88 50	402 50	16 00
Miscellaneous, Louisville, Ky	29 50	117 50	2 50
Versailles, Ky	18 00	18 00	6 00
Mortonville, Ky	5 00	5 00	
Add subscriptions, etc., reported as above, to January, 9, 1876	449 25	449 25	421 50
	$1025 00	$2797 00	$571 75

The larger part of the sub. criptions payable the present year are made due November 1st, and which I think will be generally paid.

It will be observed that all subscriptions and moneys reported above are chiefly from the membership of less than two dozen churches in Kentucky. From quite a number of congregations before which I have presented the plea for mission work previous to September, I have asked no subscriptions. I found the minds of the brotherhood in many places bewildered, incredulous and shy in regard to further experiments in mission fields at home and abroad. and have therefore labored as much to inspire confidence and bring about active and intelligent organized co-operation for the benefit of both fields, as for the more immediate purpose of soliciting money. I am gratified to say that a public sentiment in Kentucky has induced our brethren in their State Convention at Lexington to change their policy of financial management and agency for raising missionary revenues, to one similar to the policy sought to be pursued by your own society. With public sentiment and State policy in harmony with our own views, I have found the work of soliciting greatly facilitated in Kentucky, and a lively interest created wherever I have discussed the mission work. Yet the great and serious barrier to present success on a large scale is the general embarrassment in finances and business which pervades cities and country everywhere. There is no mistaking the evidences of this, and its depressing influence on all religious, as well as secular enterprise.

But the outlook is fully as encouraging as we could ask under the circumstances. If we are to become a great mission people, a beginning must be made, and the opportunity will not improve by postponement of effort. We must have an inspiration of new sentiment and new ardor kindled throughout our entire brotherhood; and this is coming rapidly, stimulated by a sense of shame and remorse for neglect of duty, as well as by a determined resolve that they shall henceforth be found faithful to the Master's great commission to "preach the gospel to all nations." Success is in reach. Patience and industry, sustained by prayerful faith, will attain it.

Z. F. SMITH, *Financial Agent.*

THE FUTURE.

We have only a few words to say in reference to the future. We have great confidence that the plan of our Society is about the best that can be devised for the work proposed. We have also great confidence that the men who have taken hold of this work mean to stand by it, and, by the help of God, carry it forward to a glorious success. What is needed most of all now is just one man of eminent fitness, consecrated to the work, who will devote his whole time to organizing, developing and carrying into efficient operation all the available resources for foreign missionary work, of our entire brotherhood. This we believe to be the one need of the hour, and it is hoped that the Society will not adjourn until such a man is found. If he *is* found and will heartily accept the work *as a life work*, then we shall have great confidence that we will not only carefully foster the missions already established, but will, in time, be able to send the pure gospel into all the world and preach it to every creature. On behalf of the Board,

W. T. MOORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The Board having recommended the appointment of a Corresponding Secretary, to spend all his time in the field, R. M. Bishop moved that the rules be suspended, in order that the discussion on the appointment of a Corresponding Secretary might be continued. Agreed to.

The discussion was participated in by A. I. Hobbs W. T. Moore, Thomas Munnell, and L. L. Carpenter, after which, on motion of Thomas Munnell, this Convention agreed to the appointment of such Secretary.

The Chair then announced the Committee on nominations as follows: A. I. Hobbs, of Illinois; J. B. Cary, of Virginia; and R. M. Bishop, of Ohio.

R. M. Bishop presented the report of the Treasurer, as follows:

Amount received during the year	$1,691.03
Paid out during the year on order of President and Secretary as per vouchers	1,500.58
Balance in the Treasury	190.45

The Chair appointed Geo. H. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, as Auditor.

On motion the report of the Treasurer and Secretary, were referred to the Auditor.

Stirring and eloquent speeches were then made by Dr. James Ford, of Indiana, James Challen, of Kentucky, and A. I. Hobbs, of Illinois.

O. A. Bartholomew, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board as relates to existing Foreign Missions, would recommend the continuance of the missions in Denmark and England, and the extension to them of as liberal support as the means at the disposal of the Board will justify.

After making the announcements for the evening, a parting blessing was invoked from the Divine Father by Dr. W. K. Pendleton, and the Convention adjourned until 7½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 7½ o'clock and spent one half an hour in prayer and social worship.

The social exercises were participated in by D. R. Van Buskirk, of New York; Geo. H. Anderson, of Pennsylvania; A. N. Gilbert, of Maryland; L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana; George Darsie of Kentucky; Bro. Bennett, of Minnesota; and others.

A most blissful spirit pervaded the entire assembly, and all felt that it was good to be there.

At 8 o'clock, Isaac Errett, of Cincinnati, Ohio, editor of the *Christian Standard*, delivered a powerful and eloquent address on foreign missions, which was listened to by the Convention and an immense audience of people, filling the entire audience room and gallery of the spacions church.

After singing the beautiful hymn, in which the entire congregation joined, beginning "Fling out the Banner, let it Float."

W. T. Moore, of Ohio, read a very interesting letter from Bro. H. S. Earle, Missionary of this Society to England, giving a full account of the cheering success attending his mission labors in that country.

After this an appeal was made for annual and life memberships, and life directorships, for the Society. Quite a number became members of the Society, and a handsome cash donation was made by the audience.

A. I. Hobbs, Chairman of the Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, made the following report, which was adopted and the offcers declared elected:

Your Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year beg leave to report, partially, as follows:

President—Isaac Errett, of Ohio.

Vice Presidents—W. T. Moore, of Ohio; J. S. Lamar, Georgia; Jacob Burnett, Ohio.

Recording Secretary—James Leslie, of Ohio.

Treasurer—Wm. S. Dickinson, of Ohio.

Your Committee beg further time and opportunity—during the time we may remain here—to report in regard to a Corresponding Secretary.

A. I. HOBBS,
R. M. BISHOP,
J. B. CARY,
} *Committee.*

R. M. Bishop moved that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President. Agreed to.

A. I. Hobbs moved that the report of the Board of Managers now be adopted. The motion prevailed.

President Errett made some very appropriate remarks, a song of praise was sung, and the Divine blessing implored by Dr. Bullard, of Virginia, and the Convention adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

OCTOBER 19, 1876, 12½ P. M.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society met as per adjournment, and was called to order by the President, Isaac Errett.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

J. B. Cary, of Virginia, moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at the close of the Sunday School Convention, which motion prevailed.

The Auditor, Geo. H. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, reported progress, and asked for further time in which to conclude his report. Report adopted.

O .A. Burgess moved that the Auditor be instructed to report to the Board of Managers. Agreed to.

Thomas Munnell moved that the minutes of the Foreign Missionary Society, be printed with the mintes of the General Convention, which motion prevailed.

The benediction was pronounced by F. M. Green, of Ohio, and the Conventian adjourned.

The Committee on Nominations presented an amended report as follows, which was approved, and the brethren named declared duly elected to the several offices designated.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to offer the following amended report:

President—Isaac Errett, of Ohio.

Vice Presidents—James Challen, of Ky.; James S. Lamar, of Georgia; Judge Jacob Burnett, of Ohio.

Recording Secretary—James Leslie, of Ohio.

Treasurer—Wm. S. Dickinson,of Ohio.

Corresponding Secretary—W. T. Moore, of Ohio.

We also recommend that the Board appoint Bro Z. F. Smith, of Kentucky, Financial Agent, at a compensation to be fixed upon by the Board.

A. I. HOBBS, *Chairman.*

Bro. J. P. Walsh of North Carolina, offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a standing vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be unanimously tendered to Bro. Isaac Errett for his very able address on Foreign Missions, believing that it will have the salutary effect of promoting missions at home and abroad, and that he be requested to publish a large edition for circulation among all the churches throughout the country.

The Convention then joined in singing the hymn beginning: "Shout the Tidings of Salvation."

Bro. J. P. Walsh of North Carolina, invoked the blessings of God to rest upon all the deliberations of this Conveution, upon its officers, and all its members, upon the faithful Missionaries and their families, who are now in Foreign fields, and upon all who may go out to carry the blessed Gospel of the Son of God, to the nations of the earth, and thus with prayers, and tears, and high resolves for greater sacrifices for Christ, the Foreign Christian Missionary Convention adjourned; to meet in St. Louis, Mo., next year.

ISAAC ERRETT, *President.*

L. L. CARPENTER, *Secretary.*

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SUMMARY.

W. T. MOORE, *Corresponding Secretary, in account with Foreign Christian Missionary Society.*

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To total receipts from all sources,.....		$1706 35
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By amount paid W. S. Dickinson, Treasurer,.....		1691 03
Balance in hands of W. T. Moore, Cor. Secretary,.....		$15 32

For year ending October 18, 1876.

I have examined the above account of W. T. Moore, Corresponding Secretary, and compared the payments with vouchers for the same, and find it correct.

GEO. H. ANDERSON, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Foreign Christian Missionary Society,
In account with W. S. DICKINSON, *Treasurer.*

Total receipts during the year ending Oct. 18, 1876.....	$1691 03
Total payments during the year ending Oct. 18, 1876.....	1500 58
Due Society.....	$190 45

W. S. DICKINSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above account, and accompanying vouchers for payments, and find the same correct.

GEO. H. ANDEESON, *Auditor.*

LIFE DIRECTORS.

By the Payment of $500, in Five Annual Instalments.

NAMES.	AMT. PD.	NAMES.	AMT. PD.
R. M. Bishop	$100	B. B. Tyler	50
Isaac Errett	100	O. A. Bartholomew	20
W. T. Moore	40	J. B. Bowman	
W. S. Dickinson		Mrs. E. H. Tubman	100
Ovid Butler	200	Mrs. Catharine Goe	100
O. A. Burgess		H. B. Goe	100
W. F. Black			

LIFE MEMBERS.

By the Payment of $100 in Five Annual Instalments.

L. L. Carpenter	20	W. T. Maupin	
J. L. Parson	20	J. T. Toof	20
E. L. Frazier	5	J. Shackleford, Jr	10
U. C. Brewer	10	James Challen	0
A. F. Smith		Ben'j. S. Weller	0
W. R. Couch		A. I. Hobbs	20
Henry R. Pritchard		Mrs. Julia Johnson	
John H. Hamilton		J. H. Hardin	
Howard Cale		James Leslie	20
T. Munnell, by three churches,	20	H. W. Everest	20
A. S. Hale	20	W. B. Emmal	20
W. T. Baker	20	H. M. Hickok	
J. B. Cary	20	Jacob Burnet	
Dr. E. Williams	20	J. H. Garrison	20
J. D. Trapp		J. W. Ingram	20
W. K. Pendleton	20	Mrs. J. C. Mason	
J. Laws	20	James Trabue	40
O. F. Lane		J. S. Lamar	20
F. M. Green	20	J. W. Montjoy	20
W. L. Hayden	20	S. J. Kaye	
Mrs. Naomi Boaz	20	A. Maclean	20
David Walk	20	Miss E. J. Dickinson	20
J. Z. Tyler	20	L. Lane	
J. C. Reynolds	20	J. L. Burns	
M. L. Streator	20	Ira J. Chase	
Mrs. J. G. Carter	20	George Darsie	10
J. P. Torbitt	20	G. W. Lewis	20
G. A. Willet		J. H. Duncan	10
J. F. Wright	20	George A. Ainsly	
R. Moffett	20	A. N. Gilbert	

ANNUAL MEMBERS. By the Payment of $10.

Tyra Montgomery	$10	A. W. Dudley		James Carr	10
Asa Pixley, jr	10	G. G. Meacklin		C. S. Lucas	10
Henry S. Earl		H. D. Clark		Robert M. Kent	10
N. S. Haynes	5	Harriet Judah	10	J. F. Rowe	
J. B. Hoxie		R. Windatt	10	Dr. J. Ford	10
Osman Pixley	10	Mrs. J. B. Thomas	10	George B. Tracy	
James A. Martin	5	J. B. Thomas		C. C. Martin	10
S. G. Boyd	10	F. W. Dixon	10	John Darst	
N. Macleod	10	A. N. Haskins	10	F. D. Power	
A. M. Atkinson	10	Z. F. Smith		J. M. Trible	
J. C. Keith		R. L. Coleman	10	S. T. Burmell	
N. Y. City S. S.	25	Mary Ann Hammond		Mrs. Thomas Munnell	
D. R. Van Buskirk		George H. Anderson	10	J. C. Goodrich	
Pres. J. A. Williams	10				

Donations.—Mattie Holliday, $7.50; Mrs. M. C. Pardoe, $5.25; W. H. Williams for self and others. $22; T. A. Cary, $5; Collections at Richmond Convention, $30.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

1876

The General Christian Sunday School Convention met as per announcement in the Seventh Street Christian Church at 2 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the General Sunday School Secretary, F. M. Green, of Ohio. After the singing of appropriate songs the Convention was organized by the nomination and election of A. I. Hobbs, of Illinois, as President; M. L. Streator, of Pennsylvania, as Secretary; and C. C. Cline, of Kentucky, as Chorister.

The Corresponding Secretary announced that "all the delegates to the General Missionary and Foreign Missionary Conventions, and also those who may have been specially appointed by the States," were delegates of this Convention.

The President appointed the following Committee on Order of Business:

L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana; Enos Campbell, of Missouri; D. R. Dungan, of Iowa.

Pending their report the Convention again joined in song.

The Committee submitted a report, and stated that Mr. Darsie's address was placed before the report, as he had to leave this afternoon.

Mr. Darsie delivered a thoughtful and impressive address on the consecrated teacher.

The Convention then joined in singing "Angelic Songs."

The report of the General Sunday School Secretary, F. M. Green, of Ohio, was read.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

DEAR BRETHREN:

It will be pardonable in me to remind you, that our surroundings, on this anniversary occasion, are very different from any that have ever surrounded us before.

We are past the autumnal equinox of the only centennial year we have ever known, as citizens of an earthly government. We rejoice with uncounted multitudes, at the honor which is accorded to the banner of our nation which, through a hundred years,

> "Has lived to make its merit known,
> And lives to clutch the golden keys,
> Which opens centuries of peace,
> And shape the ages yet to come."

As brethren, in a common cause, we have never seen such a widespread recognition and progress of the grand religious principles for which we have been champions for half a century.

They who sat in the religious heavens and laughed, a half a century ago, at the idea of a perfect union of the Church of God on the earth, find themselves held in derision to-day, or else are the defenders of the faith which they once fought. To a wide degree the word of God and the love of God have become binding links in a Christ-like union of the people of God. And the central truth around which they rally, like the Moslems at the tomb of Mahomet, is the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Watchmen have told us of the night, and as we lift up our eyes, we see "what its signs of promise are."

Results, whatever the character of them, are brought about by agencies.

If God's Spirit *did* brood over "old chaos and night," it was God's word which cleared away the disorder, and bade light sweep the world. Whatever may be the thought an agent must carry it, if it gains success. Among all the agencies for carrying religious thought and doctrine to the hearts of the great multitude of people, the Sunday School is prominent—almost pre-eminent. It is an evangel of love wherever it goes; it is a bearer of precious truth—the "seed of the kingdom" into every field. It raises no controversy with the family, for it recognizes at the start, that the family is God's primal institution for early religious training and culture. It does not seek competition with the pulpit, for it recognizes that it is well-pleasing to God, to save them who will believe through the "foolishness of preaching." It is a hand-maid willing and competent to help them all. It stands beside the devoted father, and the devoted mother, whose worth is far "above rubies," and calls their children to a wider field of culture than it is possible for an unaided family to reach. It searches the lanes and highways, the hedges and temples of this world for the rich and the poor, the high and the low, and brings them within reach of the messengers of the glad tidings of peace and joy.

In this work, it employs, to-day, a large per cent. of the sanctified talent and heart of the entire Church of God.

The Sunday School is an illustration of the truth that good, practical service must have its foundation in great and good principles. It is scarcely possible, if it is possible at all, to have a wholly good practice, based on bad principles, or a false theory. Thistles produce no figs, and thorns are not the children of the grape. Hence, he who

thinks that the Sunday School is a substitute for the family, or the church, and acts accordingly, will do the church as much damage as he who, within a church, organizes another and independent church, or who within the family usurps the authority of the paternal sceptre. It is only an agency of the church, and is no substitute for any other agency, and by its very nature it never can be.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRESS.

Sunday School progress during the last fifty years has been a marvel, It is not yet a full century since, in modern times, the Sunday School idea rose to battle with the idleness of a degenerate church.

Its modern beginnings were, indeed, small, but its horizon, surveyed from the heights of a hundred years, has greatly increased. The seed which started to grow in the "tremendous babyhood" of this century has produced a royal oak whose bannered branches are as full of music as the bark.

The changes, even in *methods* of instruction, have been very great. The purpose of this report will only allow a brief notice:

1. In 1781 the method most used, is what is called the "memoriter method." The lesson was read, then committed to memory, and catechism followed upon it; and usually the questions were upon the catechism of the church instead of the Bible. In order to accomplish this it was necessary, very often, in these early schools, to train scholars, first, in a knowledge and use of the alphabet.

This method has never been entirely discarded, its real merits entitling it to a long life.

2. Following the memoriter came the "catechetical method." This method was very popular at the beginning of the 19th century. It was pursued in the family when the pastor came once a quarter, to measure the progress of the "sheep of his pasture." It was used in the public schools, and the teacher whose skill in asking questions was most perfect had the best reputation.

In 1808, Rev. Thomas Charles, of Bala, Wales, gave his judgment of the method in the following words: "No minister who wishes to see the success of his ministry, if he knew the satisfaction it would give himself, and the advantage it would be to others in preparing them for eternity, far beyond his mere preaching all his days, but would immediately set about teaching his people to read and catechising them."

3. A later method is the "lecture method."

This method has many advantages and is quite popular. This, more than any other method, is dogmatical in its character. In its use, the teacher, or lecturer, only is heard.

These three are the great methods which absorb all others, but experience has confirmed the truth that it is not good that any one of these should be "alone."

A careful combination will secure what is now called the:

4. "Compound Method," which has the good properties which belong to each of the others, and enough of its own peculiar merit to entitle it to high consideration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFLUENCE.

The Sunday School has had immense power in another field. The whole religious world has been stirred to its depths by the appeal of millions of the young for the pure bread and water of life. The demand for Bibles was so great in Wales in 1802, to supply their Sunday Schools, that Mr. Charles appealed to the "Religious Tract Society"

of London to aid him in procuring them. On the 7th day of December, 1802, he was so far successful as to get a promise of help from the society. But the best that could be done fell far short of the necessity. An incident is related by him which had much to do in inspiring him in making the final effort which was so successful.

In that year (1802) Mr. Charles was walking in one of the streets of Bala, when he met a child who attended his ministry. He inquired if she could repeat the text from which he had preached the preceeding Sunday. Instead of giving a prompt reply as she was accustomed to do, she remained silent. "Can you tell me the text, my little girl?" he repeated. The child wept, but was still silent. At length, she said, "The weather, sir, has been so bad that I could not get to read the Bible." This remark surprised him, and he exclaimed—"Could you not get to read the Bible, how was that?" The reason was soon ascertained—there was no copy to which she could gain access, either at her own home or among her friends, and she was accustomed to travel every week *seven* miles over the hills to a place where she could obtain a Welsh Bible to read the chapter from which the minister took his text; but the cold and stormy weather of that week had prevented her usual journey. When the appeal was made to the Committee of the Tract Society, to form an agency for the distribution of the Bible in Wales, it occurred to Mr. Hughes, a member of the Committee, "Surely a society might be formed for the purpose; and if for Wales, why not for the empire and for the world?"

The result was, that on the 7th of March, 1804, the "British and Foreign Bible Society" was fully established. The work of this society has been immense. During the first fifty-four years of its existence it issued in round numbers, 90,000,000 copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, in 160 languages and dialects of the earth.

In this manner the Sunday School led on to efforts for the improvement and extension of general education among the people; and compelled the adoption of means for the putting into the hands of the people, of this and other lands, the Holy Scriptures in all their purity and completeness.

The Sunday School has, also, stirred up a deep concern for the religious condition of the people; many congregations and places of religious worship have originated with it; vast numbers of God's elect workmen have received their religious impressions and acquired their aptitude for public instruction in these schools; until an increasing conviction rests in the minds of thoughtful Christian men, that whatever influence the day school may have on the intellectual and moral condition of the people, it is to our Sunday Schools we must look for that sound scriptural instruction, which, while it strengthens the mind, enlarges the intellectual, and purifies the moral faculties, will at the same time renew and sanctify the soul, and prepare it for a land of purity and unending happiness, where the great work of redemption by Jesus Christ shall be completed, and God shall be "all, and in all."

STATISTICS.

A knowledge of statistics, or faith in them, can not save a soul from sin, or turn a single wanderer from the error of his ways; and yet statistics have their value.

They act as spurs in the flanks of our almost slumbering sensibilities, and are not without their power to "provoke unto love and good works." It is well to have the facts in regard to other religious bodies in our country.

The "Sunday School Union" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reports for 1876, 19,106 schools, which is an increase of 1,862, in four years, the last report being made in 1872; 206,613 officers and teachers, an increase of 13,416; and a total number of scholars of all ages of 1,398,731, an increase of 147,238. The number of conversions reported from these schools for four years—1872 to 1876—is 280,865, an increase over the preceeding four years of 99,628.

The receipts for the special work which the *Union* has in charge, for four years are $81,915.84. Besides this home Sunday School army they have 1,300 scholars in Norway; 1,000 in Denmark; 4,000 in Sweden; 1,014 in China; 335 in Mexico; 30 in Japan; and 61 in Bulgaria. The General Sunday School Secretary, J. H. Vincent, and his associate, besides their editorial duties, have preached 371 sermons, delivered 402 addresses, attended 141 conventions, institutes, and normal classes, traveling for all these purposes 88,526 miles. I copy a paragraph from this report to show the design of all this earnestness, on the part of this great religious body. Mr. Vincent says: "There has never been a period in the history of the Methodist Episcopal church when as much attention has been given, as now, to the specifically Methodist training of our youth. There has never been as much attention paid to teaching them the scriptural character of our doctrines, explaining to them our church polity, enlisting them in the support of our institutions and benevolent agencies, exalting our church as more useful to them than any other; and never was it harder to proselyte from us the children and youth of Methodism. Since the organization in 1844 there have been in connection with our Sunday Schools 850,971 conversions.

Such is the frank and official expression of the spirit with which Methodists work in the propagation of Methodism. Other religious bodies have made about the same comparative advancement. For instance, the Baptists in Ohio report 55,461 Sunday School scholars in 1875, against 30,064 in 1871. The Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches report an aggregate of 587,508 scholars. These facts and figures are worthy of our attention,

OUR OWN WORK.

It has been impossible to obtain very general reliable statistics of our own schools. We have not yet been able to so unitize our work, and manner of reporting, as to present a complete statement. But of one thing we are assured, by the reports which come to us from every part of the field, the interest among us was never so great in the Sunday School, never was so extensive and earnest before. There has been a steady, healthy progress in our schools during the year in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois, Iowa, West Virginia, New York, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and California. Institutes, conventions and normal classes have been held to the number of more than one hundred. Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Mississippi, and South Carolina have also made commendable progress. At the Nebraska State Convention held in Plattsmouth, on the 6th of September, 1876, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That pastors and church officers urge the importance of this work and encourage the organization of schools wherever possible.
2. That Bible School workers organize Bible School Institutes as often as practicable.

These good resolutions are only specimens of what is being done in many parts. In our organized efforts, or efforts at organization, we have made almost gigantic strides since 1866.

Previous to that time no attempt had been made towards a Sunday School Convention, institute, or normal class.

It is interesting, as a matter of history, to refer to the position of the General Convention ten years ago concerning the relation of the Sunday School to our missionary work. In the Convention held in Cincinnati, in 1866, a resolution was offered, by A. I. Hobbs, I think, commending the Sunday School agency as worthy of notice in our mission work. At first the resolution was adopted, but afterwards rescinded, because it was not *germane* to the object of a Missionary Convention.

In 1867 the matter was revived again, not, however, in the Convention proper but as a side affair. A few brethren met together and organized a General Sunday School Asssociation, with Thomas Munnell, as President, and Dr. H. Gerould, as Secretary.

The organization accomplished nothing of any consequence, except to call more direct attention to the subject, and clothe in due form the idea of a Sunday School organization. In 1869 the subject was again presented to the Convention, and a Committee, with James Challen, as Chairman, was appointed. The Committee reported in 1870, at Indianapolis. The report occasioned considerable discussion, but was finally adopted. The following extract from that report will serve to show the advance made in four years :—"We deem it, then, as the appropriate work of our grand missionary co operation of the churches to found Sunday Schools at home and abroad, and to do all that we can to widen their sphere of influence for good."

In 1871 a "Standing Committee on Sunday Schools" was formed, consisting of F. M. Green, of Ohio; T. P. Haley, of Missouri; and L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana. This action was taken on the reccommendation of the Board of Managers, through the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

In 1872, at Louisville, the first report on the condition of our Sunday School work ever made to this Convention was presented by F. M. Green, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

At that time the statistics of schools under our charge were estimated to be 2,450 schools; 23,495 officers and teachers; and 253,290 scholars. It is safe to estimate the aggregate of officers, teachers, and scholars, at this time, at 350,000.

In this report three recommendations were made, all of which have since received favorable attention from our Sunday School workers: viz—

1. In reference to our Sunday School literature.
2. In reference to general superintendency and the elevation of our standard of teaching.
3. In reference to the relation of the Sunday School to mission work.

In 1872 the Standing Committee was formed of F. M. Green, L. L. Carpenter and W. L. Williams of Kentucky.

In 1873 this Committee made its report at Indianapolis. It renewed its recommendation of the previous years in regard to a General Secretary of Sunday Schools. The matter was not decided by the Convention, but was left in such a condition that the General Board felt justified in making an appointment to that position. They appointed F. M. Green, of Ohio.

In 1874, at Cincinnati, the Committee to which was referred the report of the General Sunday School Secretary, made a report which was taken up item by item and unanimously adopted as the judgment of this body. From that report the following extracts are made:

"*Resolved*, That as the Sunday School work is a legitimate part of our missionary operations, the action of the General Board in the appointment of a General Secretary meets with our cordial approval.

"We recommend that the office of General Sunday School Secretary shall be a permanent feature of our organization."

At Louisville, in 1875, arrangements were made upon the recommendation of the General Secretary, to hold a National Sunday School Convention, at the place which might be chosen for the anniversary of the General Missionary Convention. This, briefly, is the history of our efforts to unitize our Sunday School work through the action of this body.

By States we have done more than we have been able to do in a general way. The following is believed to be the order, or year, in which State organizations have been perfected.

Ohio is the first in the list, with her State organization completed at Dayton, in May, 1867. A State Convention has been held every year since then either by itself or with the annual meeting of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society. This year, in May, its Convention was held in Akron. Robert Moffett, of Cleveland, is the present Corresponding Secretary.

Indiana effected a State organization October 18th, 1867, and has been the banner State for large and enthusiastic State Conventions ever since. This year the State Convention was held in August, at Columbus, Indiana. Indiana and Ohio have decided to "lock arms" next year in an inter-state Convention. Howard Cole, of Indianapolis, is the Corresponding Secretary.

Illinois was organized in 1868, and has been steadily at work ever since. The State Convention, this year, was held at Eureka, with the Illinois Christian Missionary Society. H. A. Pallister, Mackinaw, Illinois, is the Corresponding Secretary.

Kentucky was organized November 4, 1874, at Paris, and has held State Conventions since at Louisville, Frankfort, and Shelbyville. C. C. Cline, of Eminence, is the Corresponding Secretary.

Iowa organized in 1874, and held its first State Convention June 11, 1876, at Oskaloosa. It was largely attended, and was in every way successful. L. Lane, Durant, Iowa, is the Corresponding Secretary.

California was organized in 1875, and this year held its State Convention, May 16, at Stockton.

Missouri organized in 1875, and held a rousing State Convention in May, 1876, at Mexico. Forty-six schools were represented by ninety-two delegates and visitors. Arrangements were made to hold another Convention at Carrolton, in May, 1877. John Burns, of St. Louis, is the Corresponding Secretary.

Besides these, New York and Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Texas and Nebraska, have Sunday School work in connection with their State Missionary Conventions

We are glad to record the interest taken in Sunday Schools in Mississippi. At the annual Convention held in the city of Jackson, December 1–6, 1876, Bro. George A. Smythe, was the essayist on "Sunday Schools—their importance and proper management."

Virginia, also, in her last State Missionary Convention, held in Richmond, in November, 1875, adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the State Committee on Sunday Schools be, and are hereby authorized to employ one or more suitable agents to attend each district co-operation in the State, for the purpose of perfecting the Sunday School organization, and that two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) is hereby appropriated for that purpose."

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention it is the imperative Christian duty of all of God's people to be actively engaged in the Sunday School."

There is no difficulty in understanding these resolutions. They mean business, and during the year just closed they have been followed in spirit and in fact.

South Carolina has also determined to enter with vigor upon the work of organizing new schools and making the schools already established more efficient. The harvest is great, but the laborers though few are zealous and faithful.

In States not mentioned good work has been done during the year, though the forces have not been organized either for drill or for battle.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS.

Perhaps nothing is so indicative of the quickening of the Sunday School pulse as the circulation of Sunday School papers and periodicals. Twelve years ago the Little Sower entered the field with no competitor to contest its honors. It has always been very popular, and at various times in its history it has reached a large circulation.

Until the beginning of the current year no paper was ever published among us devoted exclusively to Sunday School superintendents and teachers, or to the higher departments of Sunday School work and management.

At the beginning of the year 1876, the Standard Publishing Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, began the publication of the "Teachers' Mentor" for "superintendents, teachers and all interested in the management and support of Sunday Schools."

About the same time the first number of the "Christian Sunday School Teacher" was sent forth on a similar mission by its publishers, from Oskaloosa, Iowa. Both of these journals have been liberally patronized. Each of these houses issue a children's paper—the "Sunday School Standard" from Cincinnati, and the "Gem" from Oskaloosa.

We have besides these the "Children's Friend" and "Good Words" from Lexington, Kentucky, with a circulation of 6,000 each.

The following table will give the names, places of publication, and circulation of our Sunday School papers, so far as Information has reached us:

	Circulation.
Teachers' Mentor, Cincinnati, O	2,250
Christian S. S, Teacher, Oskaloosa, Iowa	350
The Morning Watch, Indianapolis, Ind., no report secured	
Standard Bible Lessons, Cincinnati, O	16,000
Sunday School Standard, "	25,000
Little Sower, of Indianapolis, Ind., no report secured.	
The Gem, Oskaloosa, Iowa	5,500
Children's Friend, Lexington, Ky	6,000
Good Words, " "	6,000
The Eclectic Bible Lessons, Oskaloosa, Iowa	5,500

Nearly all of our weeklies have, also, a Sunday School department, wherein the current lessons are analyzed and general news given, or both.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Attention has been directed for several years, by various writers and on various occasions, to the subject of a Sunday School literature of our own. While we have done very well in the line of papers and magazines for pupils and teachers, beyond this we have done but little in a way of a distinct literature. The following editorial from the TEACHERS' MENTOR for September, 1876, presents the subject as we would like to get it before you:

"We can hardly be said, as yet, to have a Sunday School literature of our own. We are doing well in the line of papers and magazines for pupils and teachers, and song-books; but beyond this we have little to speak of. Several efforts were made by James Challen, H. S. Bosworth, and others, to explore the current Sunday School literature of Protestant churches, and select what would be most desirable for use in our schools; but this difficult undertaking, though conducted with care and skill, was never more than partially accomplished, and our schools have never felt very sure that they had just what they wanted. D. S. Burnet was at pains to get up an original set of fifty volumes, written by our brethren, and they have served a good purpose. They were as successful as could have been expected *for a beginning*, and some few of the volumes may conquer a right to live for a long time. But they lack the freshness and sparkling vivacity so needful in books for children. They are valuable, however, for advanced classes, and do well to put into the hands of pupils who have already formed a taste for solid reading and are intent on gaining information. Sister M. M. B. Goodwin wrote some charming books for the little ones, but they were few in number, and can be considered only as a contribution towards what is needed in the way of libraries. Sisters Marie R. Butler and "Margaret Frances" have written each a story book of unexceptionable character, which ought to be popular with the young. Beyond this, but little, if anything, has been attempted.

"There is a deep-seated objection, in our schools, to the popular Sunday School literature of the day, such as comes from the American Sunday School Union, and the various denominational publishing houses. They have published a great variety of books. It would be silly, if not wicked, to pronounce against them a sweeping denunciation. Some of them are entirely unobjectionable, and of much merit. Many of them are, in the main, excellent, but marred here and there with objectionable teaching, or tinged throughout with a theology which we do not want our children to learn. The truth is that the prevailing orthodox conceptions of regeneration as a miracle, and of the direct operations of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of sinners, amounting in many cases to an immediate revelation of pardon without regard to gospel conditions, vitiate the most of these books, large and small, and lend a peculiar hue even to the best of them, which to us is seriously objectionable. To procure what we want, not only would a thorough examination and careful selection be necessary, but a revision of most of them, and a reconstruction of many. Abandoning all hypercriticism, and consenting to use such books as are, in the main, to be approved, it would still be an onerous task to make the selection. It would require months of careful reading to enable one to cull from the libraries such books as could be recommended to our schools. If we are to rely on our neighbors for our Sunday School literature, however, some one or more must undertake this task, and give to its performance months of steady labor. Our own idea is that while we continue to use such books as are known to be of real merit, and free from serious objection, our time and labor will best be bestowed in produc-

ing a literature of our own for the Sunday School. We have among us many ladies, as well as gentlemen, of liberal culture, of large experience as teachers in colleges, public schools and Sunday Schools, and well versed in the Scriptures, who are capable of writing such books as we want for our children; and here is an open field, inviting their best efforts. It is time they were called out.

"Would it not be well for our General Sunday School Convention to appoint a standing committee on literature, with a view to enlist the services of suitable writers, and decide on their performance? We might thus initiate a movement which in time would give us what we want. It must, at first, be a slow process; but the sooner a beginning is made, the sooner we shall reach the desired goal."

The *character* of the literature needed in our Sunday Schools must not be overlooked. Its definite object should be to instruct children in the knowledge of the Bible, and lead them to Christ. Whatever leads to this attainment is of the proper character. It is not the purpose of this report to argue the question, but to furnish a starting point for those who may consider it.

The following are some of the topics "which may properly enter into such collection of books" as has been suggested.

1. *Biography.*—Biographical sketches of the prominent men and women of the Bible so written as to throw light on that which is obscure in the Scripture statements, and give the reader fresh interest in the study of the Bible, and to bring out striking lessons of faith and obedience. Guthrie's Bible Characters, although not written for children, furnishes fine models of skillful and attractive treatment of this class of topics. To these may be added sketches of prominent and noble characters in church history and in the walks of common life—such as Wickliffe, Luther, Carey, Judson, the first Mrs. Judson, Howard, Elizabeth Fry, Oberlin, Livingstone. There is a fine field here.

2. *History.*—Sketches of Old Testament history; the histories of the cities, tribes and nations connected with or related to the Bible narrative—especially such portions of their history as will serve to illustrate Scripture history. Tyre, Sidon, Babylon, Nineveh, Damascus, the four great empires, the Arabs, etc. It wants superior skill here to select proper facts, and to write in a sprightly style. There might also be selected portions of the history of the Christian church—her missions, her martyrs, and her brilliant records of heroism.

3. *Ancient Manners and Customs.*—Trades, occupations, domestic, civil and religious life, etc., etc., and these especially as illustrating scriptural allusions.

4. *Natural History.*—A fine field opens here.

5. *The Life of Christ*, bringing out especially such facts from Jewish and Roman institutions, customs and history, as will pour light on passages which are obscure to the reader, owing to his ignorance of the characteristics of these times. A reference to Abbott's "Jesus of Nazareth" and Farrar's "Life of Christ," will show what can be done in this line.

6. *Scenes from the Book of Acts.* Interesting sketches of cities and people in which and to which the gospel was preached, and of the sermons recorded in this book—Peter in Jerusalem and Cæsarea, Philip in Samaria, Paul in Corinth and Athens, etc. The gospel may thus be brought out in all its meaning and in its blessed results, and associated with persons and places in such a way as never to be forgotten.

7. *Didactics.*—Lessons in duty; discussion of Christian virtues, etc. Here it is possible to employ fiction to a limited extent, to illustrate and enforce the great lessons of Christian life; as also in the

smaller books for very young readers, which we have not space to treat of here. But even here we would not rely much on that kind of writing. Brief, pungent, sparkling essays or dialogues on truthfulness, patience, benevolence, self-denial, temperance, obedience to parents, piety, etc., will be preferable.

Our experience is that where children have a choice between story-books and books of solid value, they will almost invariably choose the story-books, and soon lose even the capacity to attend closely to serious study.

We have not attempted an exhaustive, but merely a suggestive list of topics for Sunday School books. If it be said that children will not read such books, then we say, *abolish your libraries.*

Besides Sunday School books of the character indicated, we need a few manuals for Sunday School workers; to assist them in the organization and management of Sunday Schools, in managing conventions, and in conducting institutes and normal classes. It is recommended that this question be referred to a committee for consideration.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS AND NORMAL CLASSES.

The object of a good Teachers' Meeting is stated as follows, by James McGee, of Plainfield, New Jersey.

1. To know each other socially.
2. To know the school by brief reports from the classes, a few at each meeting.
3. To know the Bible as a book, by brief drills in its history, geography, doctrines, evidences, etc.
4. To know what the special lesson contains, as to its facts, its difficulties, its doctrines, and its duties.
5. To know what in the lesson should be taught to the class.
6. To know by what method to teach it.

Every Sunday School ought to have its teachers' meeting, and may have, if there is "grace and grit" enough in its officers and teachers.

But more than the teachers' meeting is needed for the complete preparation of teachers for their work. The demand for normal classes is a wholesome one, and the vigorous way in which it now comes from all quarters is a cheering indication of progress.

A normal class is practicable in any church where the following requisites can be obtained:

1. Two or more persons who are in earnest to secure a thorough training in Bible study and the elements of teaching.
2. A suitable place for meeting, either at the church edifice, or at the houses of the members.
3. A competent leader.
4. A regular course of study.
5. And regular meetings for instruction, class drill and practice.

"There are two ways in which a normal class may be conducted. One is the *text-book* method—that of regular recitation from a volume or series of text-leaves. The other is the *lecture* method, in general use at German universities, and growing rapidly among the best colleges of this country—that of lectures by a competent instructor, of which the class take notes, and sustain short review drills through the course. With either method there should be frequent reviews, and at the close of the course, a thorough examination of the whole ground traversed."

Small normal classes may be held in individual schools; and larger ones by a union of schools within certain limits. The course of study can be adapted to the condition of the schools participating. A complete course would include—The Bible as a book, The Evidence of its Divine Origin, Bible Doctrines, Bible History, Bible Geography, Bible

Manners and Customs, Natural History, How to Study the Bible, Church History, The Sunday School, Method of Teaching, Organization and Management. This subject is worthy of careful and immediate consideration.

During the year just closed, your Secretary has been as diligent as possible, in the prosecution of his work. Only a limited amount of time has been spent in the general field; but a large amount of office work has been done; more than two hundred letters, responsive, or catechetical, written; quite a number of institutes in Ohio and Indiana attended, at a cost to this Convention, for postage, stationery and express charges, of $13.25. For this amount reimbursement is asked according to the resolution adopted in 1874.

Besides the recommendations already made in another part of this report, you are asked to consider whether our Sunday school interests are not now sufficiently important and pressing to keep the General Sunday School Secretary in the field, instead of in his office, during the coming year; if so, by what means can this be accomplished?

It is also suggested whether our general Sunday school interests cannot be better managed by having a special Board of Managers, organized after the manner of the Board of Foreign Missions, and holding its annual sessions with the General Missionary Convention. This would enable us to have besides the report of the General Sunday School Secretary, at least one address on Sunday schools at such annual meeting.

You have the work of the year, so far as it can be presented in a report of this character, of moderate length, before you. It is for you to consider it with the solemn earnestness of men of God. We are just entering upon the second century of a nation, the like of which was never known in the history of the world. If the first century was one of great achievements, the second ought to far surpass it in genuine good works for all the classes represented among us.

As a religious people, with the word of God as our guide, and the love of God as our inspiration, we ought to date from this year a new and grand era in our progress towards restoring the primitive faith and practice.

We ought to shut our ears to the false cry that we know everything now, and are only waiting to be petrified or turned into a pillar of salt.

We are, in fact, only just ready for action. Our fathers climbed the hill which was before them, and with genuine devotion to God and his word planted their banner in victory on the heights beyond. But their successes have only opened the way for us, their children, to gain grander victories than they ever knew, except in visions aud in dreams.

"There are names that rise to our lips when we think of the struggles of the past as naturally as incense mounts skyward from the smoke-wreathed altar:

"Men whom we build our love round like an arch
Of triumph as they pass on their way
To glory and immortality.

"Men whose great thoughts possess us like a passion—
Whose words if winged are with angels' wings,
Who play upon the heart as on a harp,
And make our eyes bright as we speak of them.
Whose hearts have a look southward and are open
To the whole noon of Nature."

We must

"Mount up the heights of wisdom
And crush each error low."

Our families must be trained in an atmosphere of purity; our schools must be training schools in the "nurture and discipline of the Lord;" our pulpits must be citadels for the defence of the gospel, instead of

mere gladiatorial arenas for the combat of what is called heresy; and our individual hearts must be filled with the ardor of the first love of the Christian.

The call of God to all his people is loud and clear.

> "God calling yet! shall we not rise?
> Can we his loving voice despise,
> And basely his kind care repay?
> He calls us still; can we delay?"

There is a beautiful legend among the Germans that certain signs went before the first advance of Christianity northward from Rome. The fishermen along the Rhine, the hunters in the mountains, the men who tilled the soil, the mothers with their children at evening, heard sweet, soft words in the air which they could not understand. But on comparison and careful listening they came to hear distinctly "Jesus," "Jesus," and soon followed the first missionaries of the cross. So begins some great conviction of duty, as a gentle occasional whisper or passing feeling, that does not alarm us. So come to us, at first, our highest conceptions, and realizations of Christian experience. And while we adhere to the "form of godliness," holding fast "the form of sound words," and of "sound speech that cannot be condemned," and teach "sound doctrine," let us remember that the world needs the great *soul* of goodness and truth, as well as the cold, correct, and faultless forms.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. GREEN, *General S. S. Secretary.*

The Convention joined in singing "The Sweet By-and-Bye."

The report was submitted to appropriate committees appointed by the Chair.

1. On Sunday School Literature: D. R. Van Buskirk, New York; F. M. Kirkham, Iowa; F. D. Power, District Columbia.

2. Shall the General Secretary be kept in the Field? C. S. Lucas, Virginia; Ira J. Chase, Illinois; J. H. Duncan, Missouri.

3. Organization—Shall we have a separate Sunday School Board? L. L. Carpenter, Indiana; Dr. W. A. Belding, New York; N. S. Haynes, Illinois.

On motion, the order of bnsiness was changed from institute work to five-minute speeches.

Brief addresses were made by John B. Cary, of Virginia; J. M. Trimble, of Virginia; and L. A. Cutler, of Virginia.

C. C. Cline, of Kentucky, sang "At the Beautiful Gate," the audience joining in the chorus.

The Committee on the Question of Appointment of a Sunday School Board of Managers, and Appointment of a Standing Committee on Sunday School Literature, reported. The latter Committee recommended the appointment of a committee of three. Adopted.

The Committee on keeping the General Secretary in the field submitted a report, which was recommitted with instrutions. The Chair appointed the following committee to select

a Standing Committee on Literature: Enos Campbell, Missouri; F. M. Green, Ohio; J. Z. Tyler, Virginia.

Also, Standing Committee on the appointment of a Sunday School Board of Managers: L. L. Carpenter, Indiana; W. A. Belding, New York; N. S. Haynes, Illinois.

On motion adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The General Sunday School Convention re-assembled at 7½ P. M. The meeting was opened by singing "When the Mists have Cleared Away." W. K. Pendleton, President of Bethany College, led the congregation in prayer. The assembly joined in singing "Home of the Soul."

The Committee appointed to nominate a Standing Committee on Sunday School Literature submitted a report, which was adopted. The following is the Committee: Isaac Errett, D. W. Chase, F. M. Green, Marie R. Butler, Geo. Darsie.

The Committee to whom was re-committed that part of the report relating to the General Secretary also submitted a report, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Munnell, it was ordered that the minutes of this Convention be published with the minutes of the General Christian Missionary Convention.

Mr. F. M. Green, presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Sunday School Convention be heartily given to Mr. William H. Clemmitt, of the *Christian Examiner*, for the liberal free supply of his paper containing the report of the General Sunday School Secretary.

The Convention joined in singing "Gathering Home."

D. R. Dungan led in prayer.

By special request, C. C. Cline, of Kentucky, the chorister, sang "In the Presence of our King." The song was beautiful, solemn, and impressive.

A. I. Hobbs, of Illinois, delivered the address of the evening on the Sunday School and the Masses. The address was carefully prepared, abounding in deep and rich thought, and presented in a masterly manner. The large audience listened attentively throughout, and were profoundly impressed by its important truths. It closed in a grand climax of eloquence illustrating the triumphs of the *Bible*.

The Convention then sang with great fervor, "Tell Me the Old Story." The spacious building sent up such a chorus as has not been heard here for many a day. Indeed, all the music of the evening was excellent.

Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., was next introduced to the Convention. He made a brief address. He complimented the address on Sunday Schools, and said that he regretted that he had been born so early in the century. He believed he would have been a better man, a better Christian, and a better editor, if in his day there had been better Sunday Schools. He did not think, however, that the children of the day were trained as they ought

to be. The world, he said, was not as good as it ought to be, but if the children were better trained we would have a better world.

He concluded his address by saying that he was in the fullest sympathy with every effort to teach the rising as well as the risen generation the importance of the Sunday School.

Bro. Munnell responded, expressing the thanks of the Convention for his sympathetic words.

On motion of Bro. Munnell, the addresses of Bros. Darsie, Green, and Hobbs, were requested for publication.

On motion the General Secretary's report was adopted as a whole, and requested in tract form.

On motion, of F. M. Green, the Convention, after singing "Receive us Again," and benediction by Bro. Challen, adjourned.

A. I. HOBBS, *President.*

M. L. STREATOR, *Recording Secretary.*

OUR COLLEGE STATISTICS.

The following statistics of our institutions of learning, as reported to me by those in charge of them, were collected not only for the satisfaction of our contemporaries, but with a view to those who will occupy our places in the next Centennial of American Independence—in 1976. They are tabulated according to their chronological order except in case of Kentucky University, which grew out of Bacon College, Georgetown, Kentucky, founded in 1836. This college continued under the presidency of Walter Scott, D. S. Burnet, Lawrence Hatch and James Shannon, until 1850. In 1859 the college of Science, Literture and Art, of the University, was opened in Harrodsburg, and removed to Lexington, Kentucky, in 1865, under the regency of J. B. Bowman. It now embraces five colleges.

It is proper also to state that the Christian University, organized in 1856, had to suspend from 1861 till 1869 in consequence of the war, which gives it a good average attendance during its twelve full annual sessions. It embraces four colleges. The $6000 endowment is for the benefit of the President's Chair of Sacred Literature and Moral Philosophy. Also Hiram College was begun in 1850, as the Eclectic Institute, under the presidency of A. S. Hayden, who was succeeded by J. A. Garfield, J. H. Rhodes and others, until, in 1867, it was incorporated as Hiram College. All the others have continued their rank the same as they began.

It is noticeable that of the twenty-six institutions, Kentucky has	10
Total value of property	$1,657,046
Amount of endowments	1,122,320
Invested in all	2,779,366

Fourteen have endowments.

Whole number of matriculants reported, including last year, 46,224

Only two colleges of all we have founded have failed—one in Jacksonville, Illinois, and one in Alliance, Ohio. Upon the whole, our educational forces are in effectual operation, and most of them seem to have a prosperous future before them.

THOMAS MUNNELL.

COLLEGE STATISTICS.

CORPORATE NAME.	LOCATION.	When founded.	Whole No. of Students.	No. last year.	NAMES OF PRESIDENTS.	Value of property.	Am'nt of Endowment.
Bethany College	Bethany, W.Virginia.	1841	4004	151	Alexander Campbell. W. K. Pendieton	$150,000	$100,000
Kentucky Female Orphan School,	Midway, Kentucky...	1849	.....	82	R. A. Broadhurst, Belle Fitzpatrick	55,546	98,620
Hiram College	Hiram, Ohio	1850	6000	179	S. E. Shepard, J. M. Atwater, B. A. Hinsdale....	40,000	60,000
Christian Female College	Columbia, Missouri....	1851	1500	119	Jno. A. Williams, L. B. Wilkes. J. K. Rogers...	50,000	.....
Christian University	Canton, Missouri	1853	1680	140	Jas Shannon, B. H. Smith, W. H. Hopson	75,000	6,000
Abingdon College	Abingdon, Illinois	1853	3800	106	P. H. Murphy, J. W. Butler, Oval Pirky, Clark Braden.	50,000	20,000
Eureka College	Eureka, Illinois	1854	3000	213	W. Brown, G. Callender, C. L. Loos, B. W. Johnson, H.W.Everest, A.M.Weston. B.J.Radford	42,000	34,000
Clay Seminary	Liberty, Missouri	1854	300	75	A. B. Jones	7,500	.....
Patterson Female Institute	N. Middletown, Ky....	1854	2194	107	J. T. Patterson	20,000	.....
N. W. Christian University	Indianapolis, Ind	1854	4677	130	Jno. Young, S. K. Hoshour, A. R. Benton. W. F Black, O. A. Burgess.	500,000	300,000
Kentucky University	Lexington, Ky	1855	6536	.....	J. B. Bowman, Regent	300,000	433,700
Oskaloosa College	Oskaloosa, Iowa	1856	3000	175	G. T. Carpenter, A. F. Ross, B. W. Johnson, F. M. Bruner, S. P. Lucy.	50,000	40,000
The Daughters College	Harrodsburg, Ky	1856	3000	150	John Aug. Williams	40,000	.....
Madison Female Institute	Richmond, Kentucky.	1856	.....	100	S. G. Mullins, A. B. Jones, W. B. Smith, O. P. Miller, B. J. Pinkerton.	40,000	.....
Christian College	Hustonville, Ky	1857	1200	70	W. L. Williams, J. C. Risk, T. C. Gore, D. R. Shannon, J. D. Brown, Hannah Burgin.	10,000	.....
Eminence College	Eminence, Kentucky.	1858	2890	205	S. G. Mullins, W. S. Giltner	30,000	.....
Christian College	Monmouth, Oregon....	1859	.....	250	L. L. Rowland, T. F. Campbell	20,000	20,000
Hesperian College	Woodland, California,	1862	.....	140	J. M, Martin, B. H Smith	30,000	50,000
Female Orphan School	Camden, Missouri	1869	.....	100	R. A Broadhurst, W. A. Bohart	20,000	20,000
Harker College	Lexington, Ky	1869	800	70	R. Graham, H. Turner, T. J. Patterson	80,000	.....
Add Ran College	Thorp's Springs, Tex.	1872	300	150	Addison Clark	8,000	.....
Bedford College	Bedford, Indiana	1872	550	160	J. M. Mathes	17,000	.....
Christian College	Santa Rosa. Cal	1872	283	148	Alex. Johnson, J. W. Butler, J. M. Martin	25,000	.....
Columbia Christian College	Columbia, Kentucky..	1873	260	75	W. K. Azbill	10,000	.....
Bonham Christian College	Bonham, Texas	1873	250	150	Charles Carlton	10,000	.....